



THE AFRICAT FOUNDATION IS COMMITTED TO THE LONG-TERM CONSERVATION OF NAMIBIA'S LARGE CARNIVORES.

AfriCat's Programmes

RESCUE & RELEASE

AfriCat works closely with communal and commercial livestock farmers, assisting in alleviating losses from predator intrusion by providing a rescue-and-release and relocation programme. Since 1993 AfriCat has rescued over 1000 cheetahs and leopards on Namibian farmland. Over 85% of these animals have been returned to the wild.

REHABILITATION

AfriCat provides an environment for previously non-releasable large carnivores to hone their hunting skills in a new 16 000-hectare reserve on Okonjima. Carnivores learn to become self-sustaining which gives them the opportunity to return to their natural environment. This programme also supports constructive research.



HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT MITIGATION & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

AfriCat supports commercial (free-hold) and the communal farming communities of northern Namibia, specifically those bordering the Etosha National Park, in dealing with human-wildlife conflict issues and predator intrusion. In general, instead of predator removal as a method of conflict mitigation, AfriCat now offers farmers a variety of effective farm-management techniques to better protect their livestock. In this way, farmers are encouraged to become predator tolerant and most of the resident predators remain in place.

EDUCATION

AfriCat provides environmental education programmes for the youth of Namibia by guiding them towards a greater understanding of the natural world and the importance of wildlife conservation. The programme has already reached over 20 000 children and young adults at the two education centres and through the Outreach Programmes.

RESEARCH

AfriCat supports an ongoing collaboration with researchers, scientists and the conservation authorities by working closely with farming communities, allowing for constructive research to take place in support of the long-term conservation of Namibia's predators.

WELFARE

AfriCat provides a home, food and care for young, orphaned or injured animals until they can be rehabilitated and released back into the wild.

