

Fostering human-elephant relationships



Living With Elephants Foundation has successfully completed its latest Elephant Outreach Programme. The majority of primary and secondary schools located in the southern part of the Okavango region, the hundreds of children belonging to the six villages officiated by the Okavango Kopano Mokoro Community Trust (Boro, Daonara, Ditshiping, Morutsa/Quqao, Xharaxau and Xhaxaba) and children assisted by the Bana ba Letsatsi Trust, participated in the two-day educational programme, some of whom are pictured here. The objective was to improve the human-elephant relationship, one child at a time by offering them an opportunity to touch, approach and interact positively with three elephants - Jabu, Thembi and Morula, and their guardian Doug Groves. The objective was also to raise environmental and conservation awareness to help young Batswana become active in wildlife conservation by opening their eyes to eco-tourism career opportunities. The 2005 programme would not have been possible without the support of international and local partners Peter Luck-Hille Foundation (Britain), Sanctuary Lodges (Botswana), Pont-Scorff Zoo (France), Fondation Nicolas Hulot (France), Amnéville Zoo (France), Fondation Brigitte Bardot (France), Tom Fowler Inc. (United States), Mack Air (Botswana), Kalahari Canvas (Botswana), Maun Photo Lab (Botswana), Custro's Safaris (Botswana), and Makila Voyages (France).

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