



CCF is a Namibian non-profit incorporated association dedicated to the long-term survival of the cheetah and its ecosystems.

RESEARCH

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Over 90% of Namibia's cheetahs live on livestock and game farmlands in central Namibia, which also support 80% of the wildlife species that are the cheetah's natural prey. Living on farmland puts cheetahs in conflict with farmers and their livestock and game farming enterprises. To maintain ecosystem balance, it is critical that conservation strategies encourage sustainable land use while accommodating the coexistence with native predator species. It is equally important to educate people about the cheetah and its important role in the ecosystem as an apex predator, and to train the next generation of African biologists, geneticists and ecologists to ensure Cheetah Conservation Fund's (CCF) programs are sustainable. Teaching local communities to have pride for their wildlife is critical to the cheetah's survival

EDUCATION



FUTURE FARMERS OF AFRICA

CCF developed **Future Farmers of Africa** to teach integrated livestock, wildlife and rangeland management techniques to rural communities. FFA builds practical skills, enabling rural Namibians to engage in sustainable livestock farming that provides direct and indirect economic benefits. Training courses are conducted in communal conservancies to reach the most remote rural farming communities. In addition, courses are held at CCF's Field Research and Education Centre using CCF's Model Farm and related agricultural enterprises as training facilities. Topics include livestock health and veterinary care, livestock husbandry, predator spoor (track) identification, differentiating predator kill techniques, and best practices to reduce livestock losses. Tools for non-lethal predator control, such as the use of CCF Livestock Guarding Dogs, breeding seasons, and calving corrals are part of the training. This program has been adapted for use in Somaliland as well.

FUTURE CONSERVATIONISTS OF AFRICA

Each year, CCF educators present programs to approximately 20,000 young learners in schools throughout Namibia. This initiative engages the nation's youth on the value of wildlife, Namibia's most precious natural resource, as well as the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems. Since 1994, over 750,000 students have participated in an outreach program. In addition, the CCF Field Research and Education Centre has hosted thousands of young learners for environmental courses. Groups of up to 35 stay at CCF's overnight facility for students, **Camp Lightfoot**. Together, these activities comprise CCF's **Future Conservationists of Africa** program. This program has been adapted for use in Somaliland as well.

TRAINING FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

With populations dwindling through most cheetah range countries, cheetah survival depends on people using an informed, integrated approach to conservation that incorporates humans, wildlife, and habitat. CCF frequently hosts international conservation managers, scientists, and community representatives from cheetah range countries in Africa, India and Iran in order to bring together experts in the field. CCF experts teach cheetah conservation biology and ecology, natural resource management, livestock and predator management and more. The hundreds of people that have participated in CCF's training are now leaders managing cheetah conservation programs in their respective countries. These courses build capacity, with a goal of establishing and increasing wild cheetah populations.

INTERNSHIPS

CCF is an official fourth-year placement for students from Namibia's two major universities, University of Namibia and Namibia University of Science and Technology. In addition, CCF welcomes interns from undergraduate and graduate university programs all over the world. Aspiring biologists, ecologists, animal scientists and geneticists pursuing Masters and Ph.D. degrees come to CCF to work on research and thesis projects year round.

CCF PUBLICATIONS

CCF has publications and resources for people who want to learn more about the species.

Visit: <https://cheetah.org/learn/resource-library/>



BOOKS

Cheetahs: Biology and Conservation - 1st Edition 2018, published by Elsevier
Chewbaaka: My Life at Cheetah Conservation Fund - Dr. Laurie Marker & Jessie Jordan
A Future for Cheetahs - Dr. Laurie Marker & Suzi Eszterhas

SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

CCF's scientific papers are available online: www.cheetah.org/research/by-type/scientific-papers/

EDUCATION RESOURCES AND GUIDEBOOKS

Guide to Integrated Livestock and Predator Management
A Predator's Role in the Ecosystem - CCF's Teachers Resource Guide, 4th Edition - revised in 2017, Adapted for the Horn of Africa in 2023 (available in Somali language).
International Cheetah Day Conservation Passport

CHEETAH STUDBOOKS

North America: 1983 - 1987
International: 1988 - present

