



A PRESENTATION FROM SOUTHERN TANZANIA ELEPHANT PROGRAM (STEP)

 JABALI RIDGE, JABALI PRIVATE HOUSE, AND KOKOKO CAMP

 RUAHA NATIONAL PARK, SOUTHERN TANZANIA

STEP donation:

- US\$250 for 1–3 pax
- US\$350 for 4–6 pax

Pre-booking required

Over the last decade, Southern Tanzania has witnessed some of the most devastating elephant poaching the continent has ever seen with Ruaha-Rungwa and The Selous being the worst hit. Elephant numbers in these areas — a plentiful peaceful space for the gentle giants to roam free — were over 79,000 in 2009 but the population declined to 31,000 by 2018.



The Southern Tanzania Elephant Program (STEP) is an elephant conservation organisation that works with communities, protected areas and government to ensure southern Tanzania's elephant strongholds can continue to support these important populations. STEP engages communities in southern Tanzania and tackles the issue of human-wildlife conflict in the hopes of developing innovative methods to protect the local communities' livelihood and conserve the habitats and free movement of elephants. In addition, STEP's Protection team provides aerial support for the

Ruaha-Rungwa ecosystem, and patrols on foot by rangers and Village Scouts, the Research team also collects data on the status of elephant populations and human-elephant interactions. With your donation to this worthwhile cause, guests will have an evening learning more about their initiatives, challenges, achievements and future developments with a member of the STEP team and perhaps continue to support the organisation when you return home in an effort to play a vital role in the survival of the elephant.



Conservation Hero – Dr. Trevor Jones, CEO of STEP

Trevor has over 15 years experience of devising and managing innovative research and conservation projects in East Africa, with an emphasis on threatened mammals. He first studied elephants in Tsavo, Kenya in 2001, before moving to southern Tanzania. In 2004, while studying endangered primates in the Udzungwa Mountains, he chanced upon kipunji, the first new monkey species to be described in Africa for 25 years. After completing a thorough census and conservation assessment of the 'punk monkey,' he embarked on a PhD study of large mammal ecology in the Udzungwa montane forests. In 2008, having previously documented threatened elephant corridors between Udzungwa and Selous, he led the first national assessment of wildlife corridors across Tanzania. From 2009 to 2010, Trevor also worked with TAWIRI and WCS as senior scientist for the Tanzanian Elephant Management Plan, a role which included assessing the demography, abundance, and conservation status of all Tanzania's major elephant populations. In 2014, Trevor co-founded STEP with his Tanzanian colleagues to address urgent conservation needs in southern Tanzania, and to train and empower Tanzanian conservationists. Trevor is also currently, at the request of the Government, leading development of Tanzania's first National Human-Wildlife Coexistence Strategy.

