Citizen Science on Safari

Ingwe Leopard Research

Getting started

Leopards need your help. It would be great if you could help our Leopard Research Project during your time on safari at Rukiya and or Nzumba.

Since it was founded the On Track Foundation, has been conducting research on Leopards with the aim of providing decision makers with evidence that helps them make the right decisions to conserve Leopards. And Why? It may seem unbelievable in the 21st century, but we simply do not have sufficient data on Leopard behaviour. And this is where you come in. We need your help to record any Leopard sightings you have using our SMART Conservation Tool App. It's simple to use. All you need to do is open the App on your phone or other device and take a picture of each Leopard you see or input any other signs of Leopard activity. Your guide will be able to assist.

To download the App just use your phones camera to scan one of the QR Codes, or alternatively use the links provided. Once you have the App loaded then rescan the QR code for each of the reserves you are visiting.
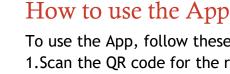
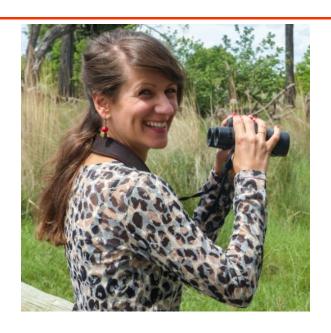RUKIYA – Wild Rivers

NZUMBA - Klaserie

How to use the App

To use the App, follow these steps:

1. Scan the QR code for the reserve you are visiting
2. Click on the project (Rukiya or Nzumba)
3. Select **Report Incident**
4. Select **Make an Observation**
5. Select **Leopards** (for Leopard sightings)
6. Take up to 10 pictures.
7. Input sex and age of the Leopard if known.
8. Enter the ID or name of the Leopard if known.
9. Add any comments.
10. Add your name.
11. The App will automatically add the GPS location.
12. Click **SAVE**

Other valuable information

For other forms of information on Leopard activity that you may come across on game drive such as Tracks, Dung, Vocalisation, Feeding (kills) and Scent (all of which we refer to collectively as Indirect Evidence), please follow these steps:

1. Select **Sign – Indirect Evidence**
2. Then select the type of evidence and add as much detail as you can from the list provided.
3. Click **SAVE**
4. Thereafter you can click **HISTORY** if you wish to check everything you have entered.
5. The data is automatically uploaded every 30 mins, or you can click on **Export Data**. The export data icon turns grey when the data has been exported.
6. Finally sit back relax and congratulate yourself for becoming one of our citizen scientists. Every piece of information is a small step in helping us to conserve Leopards in Africa

Please keep in touch with the project

We would love you to keep in touch with the project through the Ingwe Leopard Research Newsletter, so that you can receive updates about our work. Right now we face the challenge of expanding this project and need your help to do that. Our Newsletter is free, but if you can, then please upgrade to a paid subscription. Just $5/month will help us to meet our goals.

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