

SEPTEMBER 2025 WILDE TRACKS NEWSLETTER

WILDE TRACKS TEAM: DID YOU KNOW?



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Did you know that despite her love for the animal world and her passion for conservation, Alessia hasn't always had friendly encounters with wildlife?

When she was just 12 years old, she spent two years living in Cameroon, where she discovered her love for Africa, its people and wildlife. She once visited a gorilla rescue center and during the visit, a gorilla chased her and threw several bananas at her!

Also, the first time she visited Tanzania, she was sleeping in the Serengeti's savannah and at 4 a.m. she was woken up by an animal that was hitting her tent trying to get in!

But don't let these amusing mishaps fool you – despite these rather unfriendly (though memorable!) first encounters, Alessia has always had a deep love for animals. At home, she has a beloved dog that she treats like her own baby.

Today, Alessia channels her passion into meaningful action as part of the Wilde Tracks team. She's proud to work for an organization that allows her to help protect the world's endangered species while also uplifting the communities who share their landscapes with these incredible creatures. It seems those early wildlife encounters in Africa, banana-throwing gorillas and all, were just the beginning of a lifelong commitment to conservation!

Conservation Mission - August 2025

August was an incredible month for Wilde Tracks, filled with adventure, impact, and new beginnings.

We successfully carried out **two conservation missions**, marking a **special milestone** — our **first-ever family trip!**

It was so meaningful to welcome families on this journey — **giving parents and children** the chance to experience hands-on wildlife **conservation together**.

Our groups took part in:

- **4 rhino dehorning** operations, supporting vital anti-poaching efforts
- **1 cheetah collaring** mission, contributing to research that helps manage human-wildlife conflict

We are incredibly thankful to the **30 amazing individuals** from **5 different countries** who joined us this month. Your passion, energy, and commitment help keep conservation alive and thriving.



UPCOMING TRIPS



SOUTH AFRICA
12 - 21 JULY 2026

Wildlife Veterinary Mission

[Book now](#)

2026

Wilde Tracks will soon be launching its **public trips** for **2026** — an opportunity for individuals, partners, friends, families, and work colleagues to join one of our unforgettable missions.

If you're interested in being part of the adventure, click on this [LINK](#) to register your interest!

You'll receive **exclusive updates and discounts**, and be the **first to know** when public travel dates are announced.

Already have your own group? Let us know your preferred dates and we'll organize a **private Wilde Tracks' experience** just for you!

Conservation for Kids: How the Next Generation Can Help

At Wilde Tracks, we believe conservation isn't just for adults — it's for **everyone**.

This August, we ran our **first-ever family expedition**, and it was an incredible success. Families joined us from around the world to take part in real, hands-on conservation work, and it was truly inspiring to see **children** and **parents** experiencing the **wild together**.

From **rhino dehorning** to **cheetah collaring**, these young adventurers were involved every step of the way. They asked questions, got stuck in, and left with a deep understanding of **why conservation matters**. Watching kids light up as they **connected with nature** reminded us why it's so important to involve the next generation — because they are the **future** of **conservation**.

This trip proved that children can be powerful **advocates** for **wildlife**. With the right experiences, they develop **empathy**, **awareness**, and a **lifelong respect** for the natural world. We're incredibly proud of the families who joined us and excited to continue offering these meaningful, family-focused expeditions.

The **next generation** is ready — and we're here to help them lead the way.



New Conservation Mission Alert!



🐦 New Program Launch: Wildlife Forensics | South Africa
Where Science, Law & Conservation Collide

Wilde Tracks is proud to launch the **Wildlife Forensics** program, a **one-of-a-kind 2-week** conservation mission in South Africa that blends conservation, science, and criminal justice. This is the only wildlife forensics course of its kind!

You'll get hands-on training in **wildlife crime scene** investigation, **veterinary forensics**, **anti-poaching** strategies, and even take part in a **realistic courtroom** simulation. Learn how to track wildlife, manage crime scenes, handle forensic samples, and **deliver justice** for **endangered species**.

Beyond the lab, **explore** South Africa through **marine conservation** work, **game drives**, **cheetah outreach**, **seabird rehabilitation**, and **cultural** adventures — including optional surfing and kayaking.

- 📍 South Africa
- 📅 2 weeks
- 🎯 Limited spots – apply now!

Be part of the next generation of **wildlife defenders**.

This is **conservation** like you've **never seen** it.



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