

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION



### Conservation

Volunteers have the unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in conservation management and assist with on-going conservation research, which are vital for the successful operation of the reserve, its surrounding areas, and their ecosystems. The reserve is home to an abundance of indigenous wildlife, including the Big Five – lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and Cape buffalo – and serves as an Intensive Protection Zone for the critically endangered black rhino.

### Conservation management and research activities may include:

- ✓ Alien vegetation removal
- ✓ Soil erosion control
- ✓ Fence patrols
- ✓ Bush walks
- ✓ Waterhole creation, maintenance, and monitoring
- ✓ Game and bird monitoring, tracking, and counting
- ✓ Road maintenance
- ✓ River crossings upkeep
- ✓ Reserve clean-up operations
- ✓ Game census
- ✓ General clean-up of reserve and surrounding areas
- ✓ Animal tracking
- ✓ Observe supplement feeding
- ✓ Camping out on the reserve

Volunteers work with members of the game reserve team and anti-poaching unit, with their efforts also benefitting partner organisations, including Birdlife Zimbabwe, Endangered Wildlife Trust and Zimbabwe National Parks Authority.

Our Wildlife Manager is available throughout the programme to hold discussions and debates. This enhances volunteers' knowledge and understanding of nature conservation issues in Africa and assists volunteers in making a real contribution to conserving the environment in Victoria Falls.