



NAMIBIAN CENTER

Founded in 1990,

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

CCF Vision

To see a world in which cheetah live and flourish in co-existence with people and the environment.

CCF Mission

To be an internationally recognised centre of excellence in research and education on cheetahs and their eco-system, working with all stakeholders to achieve best practice in the conservation and management of the world's cheetahs.

CCF's activities include conducting international research, conservation and education programmes to ensure the survival of the cheetah for future generations.



CCF FIELD RESEARCH, CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION CENTER

The Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF), a Namibian non-profit trust, offers visitors the opportunity to experience the cheetah like nowhere else. CCF is a renowned research and education centre that sets the standard for cheetah research world-wide. Guests will learn about the history of the cheetah, and its struggle for survival at CCF's Hilker Education Centre and the Haas Family veterinary clinic and research centre and can learn about CCF's model farm and livestock guarding dog programme, which is helping ensure the Cheetah's survival in its current territory. CCF is an active member of the Waterberg Conservancy, a collaborative partnership between CCF and neighboring farmers to work together to manage wildlife.



CHEETAH MUSEUM

The colorful graphics in the interactive museum take the visitor through the history of the cheetah, from pre-history to the present day, and show its diminished range. A phylogenetic tree shows how the cheetah first branched from its early relatives, 4 million years ago. The results of years of CCF data collection and analysis is presented in the cheetah biology hall. There, interactive displays help the visitor better understand and learn about

- Cheetah behavior - how cheetah live and raise their young
- Cheetah physiology - how cheetah are built to run
- Cheetah genetic characteristics - that make cheetah so vulnerable.

Visitors then discover why the cheetah's survival is threatened and the programs CCF conducts to help conserve the cheetah and its ecosystem for future generations.



“ Photographs cannot accurately depict our Centre. Please come and visit! ”

DR. LAURIE MARKER, CCF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





MORE NAMIBIAN CENTER



NON-RELEASABLE CHEETAH AND ECOTOURISM

Since its founding in 1990, CCF has had great success working with farmers living with cheetahs on their land. This has led to over half of the nearly 800 cheetahs CCF has worked with to be released back into the wild. But there are always orphaned and injured cheetahs and they are given a large, peaceful sanctuary. These cheetahs, not able to make it in the wild due to behavioural or medical problems, are part of ongoing research to better understand cheetah biology, physiology and behavior. Some of CCF's orphan cheetahs can be viewed at feeding time (2pm on weekdays and 12pm on weekends) or can be seen close-up on a Elandsvreugde cheetah drive. You can watch cheetahs run like the wind during a 'Cheetah Run' or view them in their natural habitat in CCF's Bellebeno Reserve offering an excellent photo and video opportunity. Enjoy a private safari through CCF's own "Little Serengeti", a picturesque open plain featuring large herds of hartebeest, oryx, springbok, warthog, and jackals, and don't miss out on the 'Cheetah Exclusive', a unique personal encounter with one of CCF's ambassador cheetahs where you can meet and some time with CCF's research staff.



BABSON GUEST HOUSE AND GAME DRIVES

Guests can now extend their visit at CCF with an exclusive stay in the elegant Babson House, a private cottage reminiscent of the "Out of Africa" era. The Babson House can hosts four guests, and includes two double bedrooms, a combined living and dining room, and a wide veranda overlooking the breathtaking Waterberg Plateau. Visitors to the CCF Center are taken on guided nature trails or game drives through conservancy farmland to see the wide variety of game. The drive ends with sundowners and superb views of the Waterberg Plateau.



GIFT SHOP

There is a Gift Shop at the Center with a wide range of unique cheetah gifts, including books, handmade crafts, T shirts, caps, and jewelry as well as cold soft drinks.



CHILDREN'S PREYGROUND

The CCF educational children's playground demonstrates that learning can be fun. Children complete a range of activities designed to demonstrate cheetah physiology and environmental issues.



FACILITIES FOR SCHOOL GROUPS

CCF conducts two or three day environmental education programs that are informative, hands-on and fun. Groups must book in advance. Center-based programs run for two to three days. Program topics include:

- The role and importance of the cheetah in the ecosystem
- Human wildlife conflict issues
- Predator-friendly livestock management

The program encourages team building and helps develop personal skills in creative thinking, public speaking, communication and motivation. Participants for the program stay at one of the CCF education campsites that were developed with the assistance of youth groups. In addition, the CCF Center has an environmental classroom, a large presentation room with overhead projector and audiovisual facilities.



MODEL LIVESTOCK FARM

The CCF Center includes several Model farms that have been developed to research and display predator-friendly and commercially viable livestock and wildlife programs as well as innovative business initiatives such as the Bushblok compressed fuel log, made from invasive thorn bush. Educational groups and visiting farmers have the opportunity to see first-hand that farmers and cheetah can co-exist.



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