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## DAKTARI Bush School & Wildlife Orphanage

The mission of DAKTARI is to educate and inspire the local children to value their environment and stimulate community development through the medium of a wildlife orphanage. We are based in the Limpopo Province of South Africa near the famous Kruger National Park.

DAKTARI believes that conservation-based educational programs are a key proactive method to ensure the survival of all wildlife species and the preservation of natural habitats and the environment. Through this, we aim to:

- Create awareness regarding the protection of the environment and combat environmental degradation
- Highlight the importance of wildlife and combat wildlife crime
- Inspire the next generation of decision-makers to care for their natural heritage
- Create awareness about career and employment opportunities within the conservation and tourism industry, thus breaking the cycle of poverty
- Provide a lifelong home for injured animals that cannot be rehabilitated and use them as an education medium for local children
- Engage with communities to keep the environment healthy.

This is achieved in a variety of ways:

### The Environmental Education Program aims to:

- Provide supplementary on-site environmental and life skills education to 320 Grade 8 learners per year, all coming from marginalized communities within the catchment areas known as the Oaks, Turkey and Finale.
- Welcome 8 children per week to the DAKTARI camp. During the weeklong stay the children participate in numerous activities aimed at increasing their knowledge of the environment.
- The curriculum includes (but is not limited to) lessons on the environment, wildlife crime, animal knowledge and tracks, public speaking, leadership skills and career guidance.
- Provide children with the passion, knowledge and confidence to protect animals and habitats around them.
- Keep class sizes small giving individual attention to each child.
- Provide career guidance to the children in respect of possible employment opportunities within the conservation industry
- Monitor impact through an award ceremony at the end of the week where the children present their learning and achievements to an audience of peers, tutors and staff of DAKTARI





## Timeable & Lessons

MONDAY	
Time	Activity
7:00	Tea/Coffee
7:30	Dog Walk
7:45	Animal care
8:30	Breakfast
9:00	Intro/Tours/Rules
10:45	Survey - Part 1
11:30	Politeness*
12:30	Lunch (LIONS)
13:00	Free time/Swimming
14:00	Leadership Skills*
14:30	Animals tracks & Signs
15:30	Refreshments
16:00	The importance of vultures
16:30	Animal care
17:00	Shower Duty
17:30	Public Speaking Skills*
18:30	Dinner / Clean up
19:30	Pictionary
20:30	Bed Time

TUESDAY	
Time	Activity
7:00	Tea/Coffee and Room inspection
7:30	Dog Walk
7:45	Animal care
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Career guidance*
10:00	Game Reserve Visit*
12:30	Lunch (LEOPARDS)
14:00	Eco Club
14:00	Animal Knowledge
15:00	Refreshments
15:30	Wildlife crime
16:30	Animal care
17:00	Shower Duty
17:30	Drawing my future (Art Lesson)*
18:30	Dinner / Clean up
19:30	Night Safari
20:00	Fun games
20:45	Sound of nature
21:00	Bedtime

WEDNESDAY	
Time	Activity
7:00	Tea/Coffee and Room inspection
7:30	Dog Walk
7:45	Animal care
8:30	Breakfast
9:00	The Environment
11:00	Plastics & Environment
11:30	Knowledge hunt
12:30	Lunch (LIONS)
15:00	Refreshments
15:15	Sport time
16:30	Animal care
17:00	Shower Duty
17:30	Social Talk - Substance Abuse*
18:30	Dinner / Clean up
19:15	Wildlife documentary (Movie Night)
21:00	Bed Time

THURSDAY	
Time	Activity
7:00	Tea/Coffee and Room inspection
7:30	Dog Walk
7:30	Animal care
8:30	Breakfast
9:30	Bush Walk
11:30	Career guidance follow-up*
12:30	Lunch (LEOPARDS)
13:00	Free time/Swimming Lesson
14:00	Eco-club
14:00	Making SA a Better Place*
15:00	Refreshments
15:30	Students presentation
16:30	Animal care
17:00	Shower Duty
17:00	Fire Builder
17:30	Social Talk - Safe Sex*
18:30	Dinner / Clean up
19:30	Bonfire
21:00	Bed Time

FRIDAY	
Time	Activity
7:00	Tea/Coffee and Room inspection
7:10	Dog Walk
7:30	Breakfast
8:00	Animal care
9:00	Survey - Part 2
9:45	Waste Collection/Camp Clean
10:00	Book Coloring & Volunteer Meeting
10:30	Presentation rehearsal
11:00	Award ceremony
11:30	Students depart
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Big Clean
16:30	Animal care

\* General and social skills lessons to enhance the children's future

## The Wildlife Orphanage:



- Provides a safe and comfortable home for orphaned and injured animals.
- Home to almost 40 animals consisting of 15 different species.
- Enriches animals through daily nurturing, providing nutritious meals as required per species and general welfare and healthcare of each animal
- Allows for local communities and children to develop compassion and care for our precious wildlife and natural habitats.
- Educating the communities on how to understand and prevent human/wildlife conflict
- Encourages communities to contact DAKTARI when they find animals either neglected, injured or in need of care and fostering.

Please note that all animals in our care/captivity are animals classified by the department of nature conservation as not able to return to the wild.



## The Community Outreach program:

### Eco-Club

- Runs in 6 x 4 weeks cycles where 30 students per cycle attend lessons after school twice per week
- Eco-Club reinforces the concepts taught at DAKTARI and fosters the students' interest in protecting their natural habitats
- Lessons are engaging and interactive and include wildlife crime (anti-poaching), waste management, eco-systems, and biodiversity loss (environmental preservation). In addition, we teach basic life skills coaching such as time management, organizational skills and basic social and people skills.
- Lessons include healthy debates amongst the children, delivery of presentations and encouraging the children to be confident enough to inspire peers and elders alike to preserve their natural resources.
- An awards ceremony with parent's teachers is held at the end of each cycle. This is done to honour and acknowledge the achievements of the children.
- 180 children are attending our Eco club per year, from 2 different schools.



### Outreach Campaigning

- Raises awareness about environmental issues in 6 additional schools.
- 3 lessons are delivered to approximately 200 children per year: Wildlife crime, waste management, Making SA and the world a better place.
- Reaches a wider audience of students from the surrounding villages where poaching and environmental degradation is still a big issue.



### Youth Development - Internship

During the COVID pandemic, we had to retrench 7 of our employees and we were amazed when children who previously attended our programs, now adults, offered to help us by volunteering. We were very happy to "reap what we sowed" and welcomed a few of them to reinforce our relationship.

However, as the Covid lasted longer than we thought, we did not want to abuse the kindness of these youngsters so we managed to offer them an internship with a small stipend of R 600





per week including food, accommodation and transport.

Today, DAKTARI is increasing its sustainability by saving on salary costs while running its youth development program. We welcome unemployed youth for a 6 months internship in the green economy sector with the objectives of :

- Increasing the opportunity to gain meaningful permanent employment for the youth
- Providing unemployed youth with 6 months of remunerated work experience.
- Focusing on time management, customer relations, organisational skills, basic business etiquette and social and life skill development
- Enhancing the interns with work experience and an updated Curriculum Vitae
- Supporting the interns upon completion through a letter of reference
- Assisting the interns with employment research.

We are very proud to say that since COVID, 66.7 % of our interns were females and that we reached a success of 40.6 % of our interns finding employment after their internship at DAKTARI.

## Thank you





## CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

In terms of the Nonprofit Organisation Act, 1997, I am satisfied that .....

**Daktari Wildlife Orphanage SA**

.....  
(name of the nonprofit organization)

meets the requirements for registration.

**22 November 2006**

The organisation's name was entered into the register on .....  
(date)

Registration number

**051-703-NPO**

Director's signature

*M. Bole*

**22 November 2006**

Date .....

Department of Social



Development

**TAX EXEMPTION UNIT**



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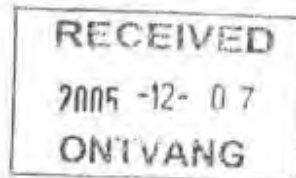
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\* Please quote both references numbers  
in your correspondence with the TEU

Gentlemen

**EXEMPTION FROM TAXES AND DUTIES: DAKTARI WILDLIFE  
ORPHANAGE SOUTH AFRICA**

We write with reference to your application for exemption from income tax

1. It is confirmed that:-

- 1.1 the association has been approved as a public benefit organisation in terms of section 30 of the Income Tax Act, (the Act) and the receipts and accruals are exempt from income tax in terms of section 10(1)(cN) of the Act.
- 1.2 donations by or to the public benefit organisation are exempt from donations tax in terms of section 56(1)(h) of the aforementioned Act.
- 1.3 bequests or accruals from the estates of deceased persons in favour of the public benefit organisation are exempt from the payment of estate duty in terms of section 4(h) of the Estate Duty Act, 45 of 1955



- 1.4 In terms of section 4(1)(f) of the Stamp Duties Act, 1968, any instrument which is executed by or on behalf of the public benefit organisation is exempt from stamp duty, if the duty thereon would be legally payable and borne by the public benefit organisation.
2. Kindly note that the relevant exemptions are subject to the following conditions:
  - 2.1 Annual returns of income and accounts be submitted to the Tax Exemption Unit, together with financial statements and supporting documentation showing how the income has been expended
  - 2.2 The public benefit organisation must, formally amend the founding document to comply with the provisions of section 30 of the Act on or before 15 July 2006.
  - 2.3 The exemptions approved in paragraph 1 above, are subject to review on an annual basis upon receipt of the financial statements.
  - 2.4 Register in terms of section 13(5) of the Non-Profit Organisations Act, 1997, within a period of 12 months.

Sincerely



Mrs. RM Gomes

Tax Exemption Analyst

for THE COMMISSIONER SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE

**SWORN AFFIDAVIT – B-BBEE EXEMPTED MICRO ENTERPRISE – SPECIALISED ENTITY ONLY –  
GENERAL - which include (Not Limited to) Non-Profit Organisations, Non-Profit Companies,  
Public Benefit Organisations etc.**

I, the undersigned,

Full name & Surname	MICHELE ANNICK MARIE - ANTOINETTE MERRIFIELD
Identity number	650916 0960 187

Hereby declare under oath as follows:

1. The contents of this statement are to the best of my knowledge a true reflection of the facts.
2. I am a Director of the following enterprise and am duly authorised to act on its behalf:

Enterprise Name:	DAKTARI WILDLIFE ORPHANAGE SA
Trading Name (If Applicable):	
Registration Number:	2002/015279/08
Vat Number (If applicable)	
Enterprise Physical Address:	DAKTARI BONA INGWE FARM HARMONY 81 HOEDSPRUIT LIMPOPO 1380
Type of Entity (NPO, PBO etc.):	NPO AND PBO
Nature of Business:	WILDLIFE ORPHANAGE FOR ANIMALS
Definition of "Black People"	As per the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act 53 of 2003 as Amended by Act No 46 of 2013 "Black People" is a generic term which means Africans, Coloureds and Indians –  (a) who are citizens of the Republic of South Africa by birth or descent; or (b) who became citizens of the Republic of South Africa by naturalisation- i. before 27 April 1994; or ii. on or after 27 April 1994 and who would have been entitled to acquire citizenship by naturalization prior to that date;"
Definition of "Black Designated Groups"	"Black Designated Groups means:  (a) unemployed black people not attending and not required by law to attend an educational institution and not awaiting admission to an educational institution; (b) Black people who are youth as defined in the National Youth Commission Act of 1996; (c) Black people who are persons with disabilities as defined in the Code of Good Practice on employment of people with disabilities issued under the Employment Equity Act; (d) Black people living in rural and under developed areas; (e) Black military veterans who qualifies to be called a military veteran in terms of the Military Veterans Act 18 of 2011;"



3. I hereby declare under Oath that:

- The Enterprise has 100 % Black Beneficiaries as per Amended Code Series 100 of the Amended Codes of Good Practice issued under section 9 (1) of B-BBEE Act No 53 of 2003 as Amended by Act No 46 of 2013,
- The Enterprise has ✓ % Black Female Beneficiaries as per Amended Code Series 100 of the Amended Codes of Good Practice issued under section 9 (1) of B-BBEE Act No 53 of 2003 as Amended by Act No 46 of 2013,
- The Enterprise has ✓ % Black Designated Group Beneficiaries as per Amended Code Series 100 of the Amended Codes of Good Practice issued under section 9 (1) of B-BBEE Act No 53 of 2003 as Amended by Act No 46 of 2013,
- Black Designated Group Beneficiary % Breakdown as per the definition stated above:

- Black Youth % = 100 %
- Black Disabled % = ✓ %
- Black Unemployed % = ✓ %
- Black People living in Rural areas % = ✓ %
- Black Military Veterans % = ✓ %

- Based on the Audited Financial Statements/ Financial Statements and other information available on the latest financial year-end of 28/02/2023 (DD/MM/YYYY), the annual Total Revenue/Allocated Budget/Gross Receipts was R10,000,000.00 (Ten Million Rands) or less

- Please Confirm on the below table the B-BBEE Level Contributor, by ticking the applicable box.

At Least 75% Black Beneficiaries	Level One (135% B-BBEE procurement recognition level)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
At Least 51% Black Beneficiaries	Level Two (125% B-BBEE procurement recognition level)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less than 51% Black Beneficiaries	Level Four (100% B-BBEE procurement recognition level)	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. I know and understand the contents of this affidavit and I have no objection to take the prescribed oath and consider the oath binding on my conscience and on the Owners of the Enterprise which I represent in this matter.

5. The sworn affidavit will be valid for a period of 12 months from the date signed by commissioner.

Deponent Signature: [Signature]

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature]  
Commissioner of Oaths  
Signature & stamp  
Date:

