



WORLD YOUTH WILDLIFE SUMMIT

21 – 24 September 2019 (over World Rhino Day, 22 September)

SA Wildlife College, Kruger National Park, South Africa

PURPOSE & GOAL:

The World Youth Wildlife Summit will be a focused gathering of 150 young conservation leaders, aged 15-18 years, from the Southern African Development Community and beyond. Delegates, educators, and conservation leaders will come together at the iconic Kruger National Park, South Africa, to directly address the current wildlife-poaching crisis and develop the resolutions needed to stop wildlife crime.

A Youth Summit is an educational event requiring active and committed participation. The goal of this, the third World Youth Summit, is to produce a lasting impact and ensure that the next generation of conservation leaders are *empowered, equipped, engaged* and *educated* to face the crippling realities of rhino poaching and all forms of wildlife crime. The Summit partners will host World Youth Wildlife Summits every 2 years from 2019, to ensure ongoing support and interaction.

MISSION:

To engage youth conservation leaders in wildlife conservation and protection strategies and empower delegates to become local, national and international Ambassadors for wildlife and conservation and influence policy at local, state, national and international levels.

LOCATION:

South African Wildlife College, forming part of the Kruger National Park, South Africa's premier tourist attraction and critical conservation biosphere.

Venue: Ranger Training Campus. Delegates will experience the life of a Ranger first-hand, including poaching simulations and sleeping in their tented regiments.

THEME:

A world-wide call to action by the youth against rhino poaching and all other forms of wildlife crime.

Keywords: Connecting Global Youth in Conservation, Stop Wildlife Crime, Youth against Wildlife Crime, A Call to Action by the Next Generation

OUTCOMES:

To Sound: A world-wide call to action by the youth to save wildlife, led by Africa's young conservation leaders.

To Send: Key 'hearts and minds' messages from the youth to CITES, the UN and African and international leaders.

To Attract: National and international media and public attention.

To Shape: 150 young leaders to become future global wildlife & conservation ambassadors.

To Inspire: The next generation to build a biodiversity economy.

To Extend: Knowledge of wildlife conservation, protection & anti-poaching initiatives.

