

Green Safaris

Conservation Foundation



ILA AND THE GREEN SAFARIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Next to operating Ila Safari Lodge, our Foundation supports a variety of projects. In everything we do, we aim to do it with the environment in mind. Sustainable building, supporting anti-poaching and animal research, eco-farming, education and creating jobs all with the smallest carbon footprint, minimal environmental impact, and maximum social benefits. During your visit to Ila Safari Lodge, we are proud to inform you on these projects and if you like to travel with a purpose, engage you even more!

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If you haven't already experienced our eCruisers and eBoat, also the lodge itself has been built and runs sustainably. Ask a member of our team to be taken on a tour to learn more about how we use solar power, water, and the earth to ensure our impact on nature is minimal.

We actively support **The Zambian Carnivore project** and **Panthera**, both organisations active in Kafue National Park and dedicated to conserving large carnivores through a combination of conservation science and actions, education and capacity-building. For example, Green Safaris supported the anti-snaring work of ZCP through upgrading and replacing equipment and supplies. And Panthera operates an anti-poaching unit up North on the Busanga plains, funded by us. The Foundation has also contributed to the radio network used all over the park for anti-poaching efforts, as installed and managed by Panthera.

We regularly invite representatives from ZCP and Panthera to Ila lodge to inform you informally at our fireplace in more detail about their great work!



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Community Development

In collaboration with Zambian NGO **By Life Connected**, the Foundation is implementing several projects in Nalusanga area, the closest community nearby. At **Lukanga Community School**, we funded the construction of a new secondary school building with three extra classrooms. It is built with the sustainable earthbag-building method, which minimises carbon footprint, reducing the need for concrete by up to 90%, and has a better temperature regulation. It provides spaces for 360 children, an estimated 80% of which would have dropped out if the new school had not been built closer to their home.

During one of your game-drives in the park, you can visit the **Chunga Community School**, where we have just installed a solar plant, enabling the power to provide computer lessons.

We are continuing the success of the **Conservation Education Club** at the Lukanga primary school, where students learn about a variety of subjects on nature conservation, receiving lessons from field professionals like safari guides, researchers from the Zambian Carnivore Program, Panthera and officers DNPW. Part of the Conservation Club is the opportunity for students to experience the bush, with Ila Lodge giving them the full tourist experience! Most students have never seen wildlife, and connecting them with the nature around them, helps them realize the importance of protecting nature for future generations.

Ila Community Farm is founded by the Green Safaris Conservation Foundation, although it is run by the Nalusanga Community. The farm is fully sustainable, organic and has the long-term goal of providing fresh produce for the community and lodges in the area. When you stay at Ila, many of the ingredients on your plate are fresh from this farm, meaning a near to zero transport-related carbon emissions and positive promotion of sustainable livelihoods within the community.

We are also very proud of the new **Bamboo Farm** project, which aims to produce enough sustainable wood to support the livelihood of the local community. The goal is to replace charcoal for their cooking fires, as well as to provide sustainable wood for local maintenance and building projects.

Want to contribute?

Upon your arrival at Ila, you have been handed out a durable water-bottle, as we want to avoid the use of single-use plastics. Should you decide to keep the bottle when you leave, you might appreciate that we charge 10 USD of which all proceeds are entirely dedicated to the abovementioned projects.

If you feel inclined to support our endeavours to empower the local communities and safeguard our surrounding nature even more, please donate to the Green Safaris Foundation Fund, as follows:

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If you want us to use the funds for something specific, be sure to mention this and we will direct your funds.

Warm regards,

The Ila and the Green Safaris Conservation Foundation Team

