

May/June /July 2025

BANA BA BOBIRWA PROJECT REPORT

ECO-WARRIOR CLUBS

On the 5th of June 2025, our Eco-Warrior Clubs proudly celebrated World Environment Day! Each school's club took the lead in raising awareness about plastic pollution — inspiring action in their schools and communities.

This year's theme, "Beat Plastic Pollution," called on us all to be part of the solution by embracing sustainable choices and driving meaningful change.



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Furthermore, the Eco-Warriors have been busy with sustainable gardening. Sustainable gardening is a method of gardening that gives back to the environment rather than taking from it.

Instead of relying on chemical pesticides, synthetic fertilizers, or excessive water use, sustainable gardens use eco-friendly practices such as composting, rainwater harvesting, and companion planting. These approaches create a healthy, balanced growing space that supports both people and the planet.

This kind of lesson is an ongoing project — a garden requires continuous care and attention.



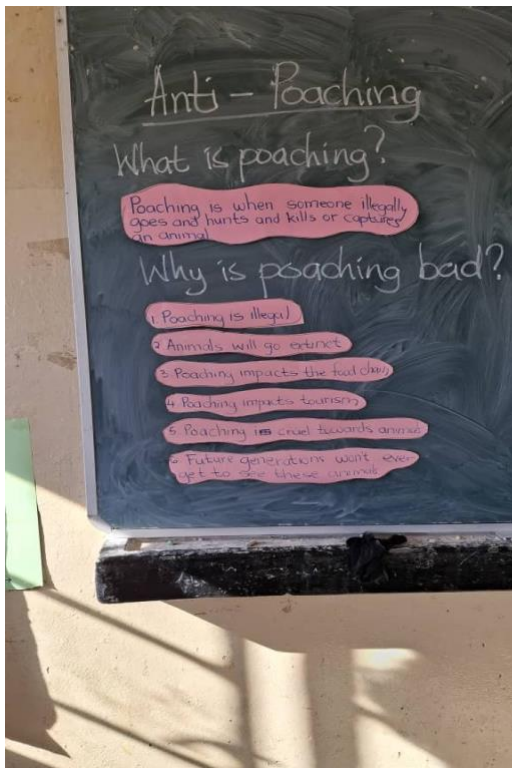
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Another meaningful lesson that was conducted, was anti-poaching — what poaching is, why it's harmful, and how it affects the community and Botswana.

Through an interactive lesson using the Ranger Rescue Mission Game, learners discovered that when communities, schools, and anti-poaching units work together, wildlife can be protected and kept safe. The message was clear: many hands make light work. But if people choose to turn a blind eye, poachers can continue their work unchecked — leading to the extinction of vulnerable species and ultimately loss of revenue for Botswana.

Botswana thrives on tourism, which relies heavily on the presence of healthy wildlife populations. Without animals, tourists won't come, and vital income for the country would be lost.

This is such an integral part of our programme, especially during the winter months when poaching activity tends to increase. We are proud to equip our Eco-Warriors with knowledge and a sense of responsibility to protect their environment!



The BbB selection board made a final decision regarding which schools will attend the camps. The selected schools showcased consistent effort throughout the year and conducted the most lessons. These schools are;

1. Lentswe le Moriti Primary School
2. Semolale Primary School

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It was a tough decision, as both Gobojango and Mathathane Primary Schools showed great enthusiasm and conducted nearly the same number of lessons!

We are incredibly proud of the selected schools — especially Lentswe le Moriti, one of the smallest schools, where two new teachers have stepped up to volunteer and lead the Eco-Warrior Clubs. Their dedication is truly inspiring!

Bana ba Bobirwa with the help of TCT's CLO, Reuben Kokole have sent out child application and indemnity forms to be completed by the selected children's parents/guardians to attend the camps.

ECO-CAMPS

BbB is working hand in hand with Jwala in coordinating logistics for the camps, as it requires thoughtful collaboration—and we are deeply grateful to the Jwala team for their generosity and support in making these camps possible.

The volunteer application forms were sent out on the 12th of May 2025, and the selection process has been completed.

BbB has procured most of the required camp equipment in Botswana, largely with the able assistance of Reuben Kokole. He has played an integral role in assisting BbB with the equipment and we are very grateful for his help.

BbB is in the process of preparing the necessary camp documents to ensure camps are well run and this includes camp training modules, camp curriculum, emergency protocol documents, volunteer rules and guidelines, posters for camp rules & awards, certificates and many more.

In preparation for the August camps, the BbB Programme Coordinator, Angelica Pieterse and teacher, Charlotte Jonsson, will be visiting each of the six participating schools. These visits will give Charlotte valuable insight into the learners' environments, enabling her to refine and enhance the existing curriculum and workbooks to ensure they are as engaging and relevant as possible.

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Conclusion

The programme is well on track for 2025 with the key focus now being on the mid-year and end of year camps. We are very excited that the programme is growing from strength to strength.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the TCT, Jwala Game Reserve, Mashatu Game Reserve, Tuli Wilderness (for the temporary storage) and various other donors as well as all the directors, advisors, volunteers, Mashatu staff and supporters for their continued backing and guidance to make a great success of Bana ba Bobirwa.

Best regards,

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