

SIMBA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



TANZANIA



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Pride in Education

“I have watched Africans save and slaughter animals on a great scale. The difference that tips the scale toward saving animals is education.

Education is rare in Africa especially education in conservation and habitat preservation. Hard work and dedication are not rare in the Game Rangers I have encountered in the bush of Tanzania.

These men and women belong to the game department of Tanzania and they are part of the solution to the protection and proliferation of wildlife in Africa. I have personally worked with them on anti-poaching patrols, area reconnaissance and tourist hunting safaris.

The goal of the ‘Simba Scholarship Fund’ is to educate the best and the brightest Africans in the field of conservation. These individuals who started their career in the field and understand the challenges facing conservation in Africa should be the individuals tasked with the management and operation of the game reserves and national parks across Tanzania. It is our goal that this future generation of leaders is well educated in scientific based game management.”

- Nathan Askew, Professional Hunter and Biologist

overview:

This fund is to assist in education specifically targeted towards government game scouts in Tanzania. These game scouts are responsible for protecting and managing the many Game Reserves and wildlife areas including National Parks and hunting areas.

These individuals are on the front lines in the battle on elephant poaching. They are the barrier of protection for animals and habitat from human encroachment and deforestation. They are underpaid overworked and poorly funded. They work long hours for little pay and risk their lives while working long tours in the wilderness of Africa. Africa can not stand on its own if we continue to offer charity or if we thrust our values and ideas upon them. African animals are theirs to manage. Animal rights groups trying to save African Lions have no clue about the reality in Africa. Corrupt politicians have no desire to stop the flow of Ivory. The remaining habitat and it utilization must be managed by trained and educated Africans with pride, integrity and a drive to work for the animals they value. It is their heritage to protect and education is the only way.

goals:

To identify candidates with the integrity, drive and talent to make a difference in wildlife management; and to fund these candidates higher education in order to advance their careers.

To have each SCI Chapter (Safari Club International) sponsor one individual Game Ranger per year with a 2,000 USD donation. To have SCI National provide a 50% matching donation for each contribution by a SCI Chapter.

To provide an avenue for a secure transfer of funds directly from the SCI Chapter to the University in the candidate’s name to cover tuition and other expenses surrounding their term of study on an approved and accredited course. Tuition is paid for upfront; living expenses and travel costs will only be reimbursed to the student after passing completing course.

To solicit additional contributions from the private sector and expand this program throughout Tanzania and to other countries that participate in sound wildlife management practices.



Simba Scholarship Fund Record of activities

July – October 2013

Multiple locations in Tanzania while on Safari.

Through many conversations with game wardens and officials in the Game Department I became acutely aware of the difficulties in education for the individuals in field operations in Tanzania's Game Reserves. I am in constant contact with these Rangers and government officials due to our operations in Muhesi GR W and Rungwa Rungwa Game Reserve.

It takes a unique person to be a good and effective Game Scout. This person must be able to live in remote areas, make effective decisions on their own, operate effectively with tourist hunters (foreign individuals that are on safari and are the life blood of the industry that pays for habitat in Africa), have knowledge of the ecosystem and biology of the forest and animals, handle criminal activities and dangerous situations due to Poaching activities (often resulting in injury or death), and to be positive and proactive regardless of the situation or difficulties that the wilderness of Africa and Government organizations can bring.

These type of people I can relate to and I respect them. Their job is much like that of a professional hunter or guide. The best Game Rangers that I have worked with in Africa are in the countries of Zimbabwe and Tanzania. I chose to expand our involvement in Tanzania as I prefer the political climate and the spirit of the people in Tanzania. They are the most professional and knowledgeable in their jobs and these are the people that I want to work with. These Game Scouts are the future of wildlife in Africa.

My goal is to assist, educate and help train the best candidates for this job. I believe that few individuals have the capacity and passion to do this job and I want to assist the best of those individuals.

- Nathan Askew

August 2014

Muhesi Game Reserve, Tanzania

I devised a rough plan for a type of scholarship fund that I think would benefit the Game department of Tanzania

The idea is to have the individual SCI chapter's donate funds to an individual game scout that through his actions in the field and performance in his duties warrant him to be a worthy candidate to hold higher position with more responsibility. To assist in the game scout's advancement these funds will be used for his tuition and expenses while at university.

August 2015

Muhesi Game Reserve and Dorado Game Post – Tanzania

My first conversations with individual Game Scouts – Mr. Poli Poli and Mr. Masanja in regards to assisting with education and advancement of Game Rangers in Tanzania.

I asked them for their input on what is needed and how to implement this type of project and if it is a wise use of money.

They agreed that it was a needed and viable project.

I expressed an interested to help them and to see what I can do through my Company Bullet Safaris and our relationship with SCI (Safari Club International).

- Nathan Askew

January – February 2016

USA

SCI Convention, Las Vegas Nevada

I asked Ronnie Richardson to approach the Magnolia Chapter of SCI about my scholarship idea and see if they would be the first chapter to donate money to this fund.

I expressed my interest to assist this idea to spread to all local chapters of SCI, numbering over 60 chapters. The effect of this will be great and I hope to achieve this on a 5 year plan.

March 22, 2016

Conference Call.

I had a conference call with the executive board of the Magnolia SCI Chapter. I expressed to the group my idea and why this is needed. I stressed that these people are on the front line of Anti Poaching and protecting wildlife in Africa. I indicated that this system will develop over this first year and that I will provide them with updates. Afterwards we will present this project to the other chapters and SCI national.

The chapter approved to be the first to fund the ‘Simba Scholarship Fund’. They agreed to donate 1,000 usd to be used at my discretion for one student. The selected student will be Game Scout Masanja.

I promised to update them with the use of their money and to develop a system that facilitates the chapters paying the University in Tanzania directly and in the approved students name. I do not wish to handle this money. I want to cut out as much bureaucracy and people as possible – the goal is to pay for a worthy persons education and not to create a system that slows down or hinders this being done in a timely fashion.

Basically:

The student is accepted to attend the course related to Game Management.

The student signs up for the course and is invoiced by the university.

The SCI chapter or benefactor approves my recommendation on the student or a recommendation from the students superior officer in the Game Department.

The SCI chapter or benefactor transfer the money to the universities account.

Student: Deusdedit Masanja, masanja_deusdedit@yahoo.com
2015 – 2016 Correspondences for Game Ranger Masanja, Rungwa District, Dorado Game Post
Donor: Magnolia Chapter SCI
Amount: 1,000 USD

check received by Nathan Askew approximately one week later.

Correspondences with selected Game Ranger, Masanja.
3/30/2016

I am very delighted to hear that you have succeeded your plans about my scholarship support, I say asante sana! and i will not tell any body as you have adviced.

About muhesi, one patrol team is back since 27th march,the other team is still working .according to returned team they said that the is still too wet to reach inside areas therefore they patrolled along the boundary they managed to arrest timber poachers.

About the issue of big game patrol team to stay at jarmono post is because mr.Rau rented the muhesi central block from parahala therefore their target is to work to that block but they cant reach there so far this rain season.

Masanja.

4/24/2016

Greetings,

Hi Nathan, I have been in muhesi and kizigo for about 3 weeks with my friends. It has been very difficult to cover most of the areas because rains.

The name of the college is The Open university of Tanzania, The course which i am studying is The bachelor of science in environmental management.

The length of the course is three years, The classes October to July every academic year.

when i graduate and present my certificate to the game department i will be promoted to be a game officer of which i will be aspiring to be a manager of game stations or projects.

The budget of the course is as follows;-

There are 40 units @ 60,000 =2,400,000Tsh (1200 US D)

Examination and test fees 18x 5000x2=180,000Tsh (90 US D)

Field attachment for a month;- food,transport and accommodation 660,000 (330 US D)

Accommodation and food expenses for 90 days during exams;-10,000x2 x90=1,800,000 (900 US D)

the total is 5,040,000 (2,520 US D)

The game department does not pay anything all of my requirement are to be covered by myself.
I would like to thank you in advance

yours sincerely Masanja.

May 2016

Discussed the SSF idea with Barbara Crown at the hunting report during our time at the NRA show.

She has promised to present the idea to her chapter of SCI and also to put a write up in the Hunting Report for more PR.

I need to follow up on both of these items after the hunting season.

- Nathan

8/21/2016 (from the Selous Game Reserve)

The 1000 usd for Masanja was delivered on July 29. He is very happy and is awaiting the results of his exams.

He is to write a report and recognition letter to SSF (samba scholarship fund).

Charles Jones has promised some money to the fund and to promote the idea in MN.

Chris Gouras of MS has promised the same in his area and his office staff to help with record keeping and administration.

6/22/16

Record of expenses send by Masanja via email.

Student: MASANJA , DEUSDEDIT MATHIAS - UG201378092

Programme: Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies (Management)

Study Level: III

Regional Center: Singida

S/No	Acad/Year	Fee Item	Payable Amount	Amount Paid	Balance
1	2013/2014	Tuition Fee by Distance Mode	720,000.00	720,000.00	0.00
2	2013/2014	Examination Fee	60,000.00	90,000.00	-30,000.00
3	2013/2014	OUTSO FEE	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
4	2013/2014	Student ID Card Fee	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
5	2014/2015	TCU Quality Assuarance Fee	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
6	2014/2015	Tuition Fee by Distance Mode	960,000.00	960,000.00	0.00
7	2014/2015	Examination Fee	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00
8	2014/2015	OUTSO FEE	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
9	2015/2016	TCU Quality Assuarance Fee	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
10	2015/2016	Tuition Fee by Distance Mode	780,000.00	780,000.00	0.00
11	2015/2016	Examination Fee	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00
12	2015/2016	OUTSO FEE	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Totals			2,740,000.00	2,770,000.00	-30,000.00

Rungwa, Kizigo and Muhesi game reserves,
P.O.Box 128,
Manyoni,
Singida.
4th September 2016

The director
Simba scholarship fund

Ref: Appreciation

It is with humility and profound gratitude that I appreciate the scholarship of USD 1000 that I received from you on 30th of July 2016. And with the most heartfelt gratitude I thank you very much for your valuable contributions towards completion of my first degree i.e. Bachelor of science in environmental studies. I am really honored to be the first recipient and benefactor from simba scholarship fund. I have used the money for repayment of the loan at national microfinance bank where I took the money to pay my school fees for the academic year 2015/2016 as you advised and the remaining money will be used for my research which currently I am doing it till the end of September this year.

Again thank you for your generous, timely and meaningful gift to me. I wish you all the best on supporting conservation especially through empowering and capacity building to Tanzanian game scouts.

I attach the schools fees receipts for academic year 2015/2016.

Yours sincerely

Masanja Deusdedit