

Environmental Stewardship Empowerment Through Training and Skills Transfer

The goal of this Project is not only to establish Wildlife Protection Units in relevant Wildlife and Campfire community areas, but also to further strengthen and build capacity. This will be achieved through training from the outset of the Project (already under way) and continued throughout the period of the project, i.e. five years.

All members of a Wildlife Protection Unit within the parameters of this Project, will have had to pass a selection course, specifically designed by experts in this subject field, and who will be acting as Advisors to the Project. It is envisaged that recognition of this achievement will be given in the form of a certificate bearing both the PWMA Logo and Tashinga Initiative Logo, and a new WPU cap.

Training will be given by trainers selected by the Project Director, comprising private individuals who are known and trusted in the conservation field as well as highly skilled Trainers from PWMA, whose skills will be called upon for delivery to the men in the field. Follow-up courses and team member assessment will play an important role in the skills development of each team member.

In-house courses delivered will cover the following subjects: wildlife protection skills, bush awareness, 4x4 and defensive driving, basic mechanics, first aid, weaponry, radio communications, including ground-to-air, administration, reporting. A brief outline is shown below. WPU Leaders will have the use of a computer, email and Skype, to provide updated data to a central database in Harare, other at PWMA HQ or at TTI Base in Harare.

Components of the Training Course:

Health and Fitness	4x4 Driving
Ranger Skills	Tracking
Medical	Navigation
BushCraft	Other Skills