

DONATION

Being a non-profit organisation, Daktari Bush School & Wildlife Orphanage invites individuals and businesses to donate any funds and resources towards the further development of Daktari. Any donations will help ensure Daktari's ability to 'Care for Life' in the future.



BANK DETAILS

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Ian and Michele



Daktari inspires, motivates, develops and educates underprivileged children to care for the environment through the medium of a wildlife orphanage

ABOUT DAKTARI

“Daktari” is the Indigenous word for Doctor. It’s a word that has come from Ian and Michèle Merrifield’s youth. Passionate about wildlife, they wanted to establish a project where the underprivileged children could be in touch with nature, learn about the environment and help orphaned wild animals. They believe that the key to protection of the environment lies in education. The children of today are going to be its future custodians. Ian and Michèle decided to dedicate the rest of their life to establish Daktari which uses the wildlife orphanage as a medium to inspire and educate underprivileged children to care for their environment.



Goals:

- ⇒ Inspire, Motivate, Develop and Educate underprivileged children about the environment
- ⇒ Supplement the basic education of the underprivileged rural children
- ⇒ Provide safe suitable accommodation and care for orphaned wild animals
- ⇒ Create awareness and importance of the environment
- ⇒ Encourage people to support these goals

Daktari has two major divisions:

- ⇒ The Bush School
- ⇒ The Wildlife Orphanage

THE BUSH SCHOOL

Each week we invite children from the local underprivileged school or local HIV+/AIDS Orphanage, to stay for 5 days at Daktari. We only take six to ten children at a time, which provides a unique possibility for them to benefit from a more individual learning experience. As all the children come from underprivileged backgrounds, we only charge them R 20 (2 Euros) for their stay.



Here at Daktari we believe that education is the way to a better future, and therefore we have developed an educational program about wildlife and environment, which also includes lessons in English, Maths, Biology, and Geography. We also touch on life skills such as relationships, substance abuse, safe sex, violence and respecting your environment.



Many of these children have not had the opportunity to learn about wildlife and therefore we encourage interaction with wild animals in order to stimulate a sense of responsibility for their heritage.

THE WILD LIFE ORPHANAGE

A very important aspect of Daktari is the wildlife orphanage. We care for animals which are hurt, orphaned or too tame to be rehabilitated back into the wild. We provide them with good facilities and care. They also serve as a great education medium for the children who assist in the daily care of cleaning and feeding these animals.



HOW DOES DAKTARI SURVIVE?

- Donations from people who believe in our cause.
- Volunteer Projects
- Paying Guests
- “Sponsor an animal project”
- Sponsorship from corporate companies
- “Virtual Gifts” an alternative gift for those who have it all

