

AWARENESS OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION IN POST-PRIMARY INSTITUTIONS AROUND NEW BUSSA

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Abstract

The importance of public appreciation of the need to conserve wildlife can scarcely be over-emphasized. The lack of empathy and concern for wildlife is due to a lack of awareness of the subject among the general population. Post-primary institutions offer a powerful audience for inculcating the necessity for wildlife conservation. A common practice among village and school peers is to engage in group hunting, capturing and killing animals up to the size of duiker and bushbuck. The point is that childhood cultural and environmental involvements are sustained into adulthood. An FAO booklet on Forestry for Rural Communities succinctly notes that: "Any information must not neglect schools and other educational establishments. It is important to make the country's youth aware of the potential value of the forest lands and trees. It is often said, educate a mother and you educate a family. By the same token, if you educate a child you may be 100 to educate the parents."