

UMPHAFA PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE



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Colchester Zoo and Action for the Wild purchased land to form the UmPhafa Private Nature Reserve in 2005. We have since been working to rehabilitate the land and recreate the historical animal populations on the reserve.

In 2020, Action for the Wild donated £126,321.05 to ensure the continued running of the Reserve, from employing field rangers and reserve management staff, to ensuring continued protection of our wildlife species.

KEY EVENTS ON THE RESERVE

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our activities on the Reserve were somewhat reduced in 2020.

We did not release any further species onto the Reserve in 2020, however, we ensured salt licks and molasses were provided for our wildlife species to help them maintain condition throughout winter and increase our breeding rates.

Our species have continued to breed, such as our impala, kudu and nyala populations.

In February, a game capture company came to take 28 kudu off UmPhafa and translocate them to a new reserve; this ensures we keep their numbers in check to prevent over-population of certain species on the Reserve.

UmPhafa has maintained bee hives on the Reserve for a number of years. In 2020, we purchased the hives and have successfully harvested a small first crop of honey.



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Nine interns still managed to visit between January and March, before sadly the internship was put on hold for the rest of the year. Despite a lack of interns, the Reserve's management team have been busy renovating one of the reserve houses so that, from 2021, the interns will have a new base on the Reserve.

The boma, where we keep groups of wild dogs for bonding, received a restoration in 2020, with new fence lines constructed in preparation for the arrival of new dogs in 2021.

The Reserve's leopards have been sighted more and more in 2020, such that reserve staff have had to purchase new energisers and fencing to ensure they don't come too close to accommodation buildings.

In 2021, we will continue with our work to promote and protect the wildlife populations on UmPhafa and also look forward to interns returning to the reserve once again to help us with our management activities.

2020 GAME COUNT OF VISIBLE SPECIES

70	Blesbok	10	Mountain reedbuck
133	Blue Wildebeest	45	Nyala
10	Common Reedbuck	10	Ostrich
48	Eland	42	Red Hartebeest
40	Giraffe	130	Warthog
25	Grey Duiker	60	Waterbuck
272	Impala	251	Zebra
250	Kudu		