

## Project Update: April 2016

The education and community outreach program around Gonarezhou NP continues to go well. The two full time education officers remain active in all 39 schools, teaching lessons, showing DVDs and supporting and motivating teachers. Each school is visited once per term.

Through collaboration with Zambezi Schoolbook Project and Beit Trust we recently established fully equipped libraries in 15 of our 39 schools adjacent to the park. We will be formally evaluating the impact of this project but early evidence suggests it is making an enormous difference and with the benefits so closely tied to conservation, it is also helping change attitudes.

We are currently busy with a set of human-wildlife conflict workshops around the park, are supporting, since January 2016, five new scholarship students from around GNP and have a truck on its way that will be kitted out for game drives and field trips for schools adjacent to Gonarezhou.



Left: AWCF Project Director Rosemary Groom runs the Two Oceans Half Marathon to raise funds for Wild Dogs. Right: Dhavata Primary with the Gonarezhou Education vehicle



Left: Engaging with the community at a Cultural Day through painting of wild dog models! Right: Gawa Primary School near Gonarezhou NP receives the shelving for their libraries



Little doubt that the students enjoy the AWCF education programs!



Malipati Primary School by the much-loved vehicle, with the Lowveld ABC education resource