

Project Update: September 2010

Last month, we visited many of the schools surrounding the Savé Valley Conservancy (SVC) to get feedback from teachers and students about the developing environmental education programme. Teacher training was highlighted as the key issue, and thanks to RSGF we have the resources to carry out such workshops early next year. We have organised a scholarship programme to allow children currently receiving primary school scholarships to continue their education at secondary level. The new motorbike for the education officer has recently been purchased and resources for the schools are being bought and/or collected. A few pilot programmes have been employed at some schools, and results have been very positive.

The most exciting wild dog news from the past months is that we managed to locate a den site in Gonarezhou NP and fit a GPS collar to one of the dogs denning there – the first time either has ever been achieved in this large, wild and remote corner of Zimbabwe!



Left: Children learning about food webs. Right: Piloting some education ideas - students drawing at Chishakwe Ranch.