



THE GAME RANGERS' ASSOCIATION OF AFRICA



Who we are?

Founded in 1970, the Game Rangers' Association of Africa (GRAA) is a non-profit organisation which is the oldest, largest and most representative ranger association in Africa. We provide a well-established defined community of practice which provides networks, support and representation for rangers across Africa. Over 6000 members have joined the GRAA since 1970, representing more than 20 countries. The GRAA is a proud member of the International Ranger Federation (IRF) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) with recognised chapters in Ivory Coast, South Africa and Zambia. Our members are from a variety of disciplines operating at the coalface of African conservation.

What we do?

Our mission is to benefit Africa's rangers by providing networks, representation and ensuring they have the necessary capability and support to perform their duties protecting the wildlife and wild places of Africa.

A. PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE NETWORKS FOR RANGERS ACROSS AFRICA

A ranger's job is often done without recognition, in remote wilderness areas where communication is a serious challenge and resource support is often extremely scarce, leading to a feeling of isolation in the work place. The GRAA is thus committed to providing a collective identity for African rangers from all countries thereby enhancing their sense of community and belonging. The establishment of networks for Africa's rangers to share their experiences, specialised knowledge and best practices, and form emotional bonds, is essential in maintaining rangers' morale and ensuring an effective community of practice.



B. ENHANCE RANGER SUPPORT AND CAPABILITY

The GRAA aims to ensure that rangers are adequately supported, trained and equipped to carry out their primary responsibility of maintaining the integrity of wilderness, protected and natural areas in which they work. The GRAA is well placed to assess ranger needs, facilitate training, distribute equipment and provide advice to rangers and those wishing to support them. Improved ranger wellbeing and support is essential to a motivated and effective ranger corps which will have positive outcomes for conservation.

C. PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF RANGERS IN AFRICA

The GRAA accepts the responsibility of highlighting the day to day challenges that Africa's rangers face. We endeavour through our membership of the IUCN and IRF, and using other platforms, to raise these issues at the highest possible level and to ensure they receive the attention they deserve. The GRAA is able to provide thought leadership in terms of ranger related issues through its extensive and experienced ranger membership base who operate across the continent.

Get involved

The challenges facing Africa's rangers are greater than ever before in the face of an escalating poaching epidemic that threatens the very existence of our continent's remarkable wildlife. Please unite behind these brave men and women who stand in defence of our natural heritage. You can contribute to the cause by:

- Supporting the GRAA by joining as an individual or corporate member.
- Donating equipment, time or money towards our projects that support rangers.
- Spreading the word about the challenges facing Africa's rangers to garner support for them.

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