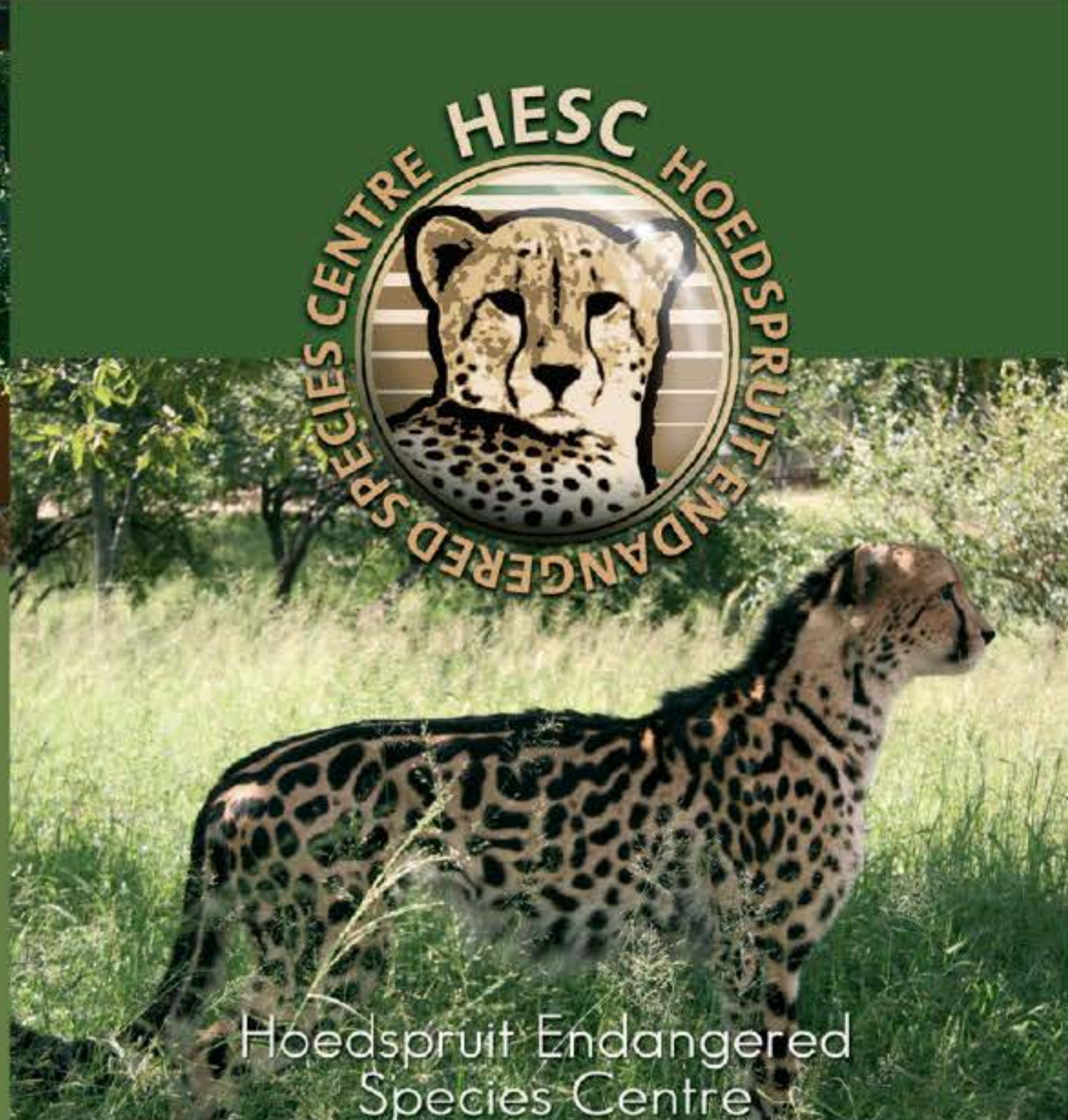


THE HOEDSPRUIT ENDANGERED SPECIES CENTRE (located in Hoedspruit, South Africa) is recognized as a pioneer in the conservation of rare, vulnerable and endangered animal species. The Centre is home to cheetah, wild dogs, black-footed cats, African wild cats, ground horn bills, sable antelope, and many other species in need of care or rehabilitation.

"THE POWER OF ONE IS BOUNDLESS" - one person can make a difference. The HESC is the result of one woman's passion for the cheetah. Lente Roode, founder and owner of the Centre, realized her life-long dream of working with these fascinating cats when she first opened the facility in 1990 (previously known as the Hoedspruit Cheetah Project). This was to grow into something much bigger as animals of all species found their way to the custody of the HESC team.



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SEVERAL SPECIES of animals have been **NURSED BACK TO HEALTH** and **REHABILITATED** at the HESC, including Jabulani (namesake of the Camp Jabulani herd), the tigers of ADI (Animal Defenders International), the Barbary Lions from Mozambique and Ronnie the rhino from the United Kingdom.



CONSERVATION of endangered animals, most specifically the cheetah, remains the HESC's priority. A professional team of staff, including the renowned Professor David Meltzer, has spent years **RESEARCHING** the animals, and has successfully implemented a **BREEDING PROGRAMME**. More than 270 new cheetahs, and 20 of the **RARE KING CHEETAHS** have been born to the HESC as a result. Wherever possible, these animals are released into the wild.



The Centre spearheaded the formation of an **ANTI-POACHING UNIT** whose sole purpose was to **PREVENT** the **SENSELESS SLAUGHTER** of animals for financial gain. This unit has since been absorbed into the South African Police Force.



Recognising that **CONSERVATION** is an ongoing concern, the HESC has committed itself to **EDUCATING YOUNGER GENERATIONS** on the importance of the **PRESERVATION** of **WILDLIFE** and the **ENVIRONMENT**. A School Programme, endorsed by SAEON and the South African Department of Education, sees in excess of **10 000 LEARNERS** pass through the Centre each year.

A Student's Programme, aimed at those between 18 and 35, appeals to people from around the world who would like to **LEARN ABOUT CONSERVATION**, become involved in taking care of the animals at the HESC and enjoying the spirit of **FUN AND ADVENTURE** in the process.





VISION: Ensuring our tomorrow by fostering and communicating the belief that the "Power of One is Boundless". One person can make a difference!

The HESC is a non-profit organization, and is entirely dependent on funds generated from sponsorships, donations, and the proceeds from eco-tourism. Visitors experience daily guided tours, viewing the animals at close range and learning of their mesmerizing stories. A tea garden offers delectable snacks, while the fully stocked curio shop showcases an excellent selection of local artefacts, often hand-made by surrounding rural communities.

THE CHEETAH



HESC PICTURES



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MISSION: The conservation of rare, vulnerable or endangered animals.