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Angelina Jolie opens new Shiloh Wildlife Sanctuary at the N/a'an ku sê Foundation

Angelina Jolie has visited Namibia to inaugurate the newly founded Shiloh Wildlife Sanctuary opened in the name of her daughter.

Established through the collaboration of the N/a'an ku sê Foundation, the Jolie-Pitt Foundation and the Namibian government, the Sanctuary is used to rescue and rehabilitate elephants and rhinos which have fallen victim to incidents of poaching or abuse. Angelina and her children, including Shiloh, visited the newly opened sanctuary, where the first young elephants due for release on the new Reserve are in the process of settling in.

The N/a'an ku sê Foundation, established in 2006 and founded by Dr. Rudie and Marlice van Vuuren, strives to conserve the wildlife, landscapes and cultures of Namibia, with a vast number of vital conservation projects having made significant impact over the last 11 years.

Angelina met Marlice van Vuuren approximately 16 years ago. After visiting the foundation in December 2010, she committed funds for various designated projects, and the generous benefaction of the Jolie-Pitt Foundation has advanced the many projects of the N/a'an ku sê Foundation ever since.

A main area of research focuses on the mitigation of human-carnivore conflict, the scientific data resulting from the GPS collaring of wild carnivores providing a platform from which to systematically address the complex facets of conflict and assist farmers and landowners in their quest to peacefully co-exist with Namibia's wildlife. Humanitarian projects run by the N/a'an ku sê Foundation include the Clever Cubs School which supports the education of San Bushman children who so often otherwise would not be able to benefit from the vital academic foundation crucial to the successful completion of their school careers. N/a'an ku sê's Lifeline Clinic, established in Namibia's rural east, provides free healthcare to some 4,500 San Bushman patients annually who otherwise would not have access to often lifesaving medical treatment.



Angelina Jolie concluded her Namibian visit with a private meeting with President Dr. Hage Geingob, and Madame Monica Geingos, First Lady of the Republic of Namibia, to discuss conservation in Namibia and her and her family's ongoing commitment to the country.

Upon her departure Angelina said, "It is a privilege to work with N/a'an ku sê and be able to contribute to conservation in Namibia".

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