



**Giraffe Conservation Foundation
&
IUCN SSC International Giraffe Working Group**

**1st 'Wild' Giraffe Indaba: 4-8 July 2011
Etosha Safari Lodge, Namibia**

Giraffe: The Forgotten Megafauna

Hosted by the Namibia Nature Foundation

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– SECTION 1 –

VENUE AND DATE

The Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF) together with the IUCN SSC International Giraffe Working Group (IGWG) invites all scientists, students, wildlife managers, and decision-makers in the field of giraffe research, conservation and management to attend the first ever 'wild' giraffe Indaba (conference) in Africa at the Etosha Safari Lodge, Namibia, from **4 – 7 July 2011**, including a **half-day seminar on 7 July 2011: 'The conservation and management of giraffe in Africa – looking forward'**.

The venue, situated adjacent to the world famous Etosha National Park and approximately 400 km north of Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, is an appropriate setting for this valuable conservation event as the Namibian giraffe population continues to increase while others appear to be dwindling.

INDABA'S MAIN THEME: 'Giraffe: The Forgotten Megafauna'

The theme of the Indaba is: **'Giraffe: The Forgotten Megafauna'**. Despite a general fascination for this species, giraffe have so far received little scientific attention and as such are truly Africa's forgotten megafauna.

A range of sub-themes have been proposed for the Indaba, however the event is open to new, innovative and interesting presentations and posters. Contributions will be grouped into these or alternative sub-themes after all proposed papers have been received. Efforts will be made to accommodate all contributions related to giraffe conservation and management, but should a larger number of papers be received, presentations will be selected on the basis of relevance to the following sub-themes offered:

SUB THEMES

- ✓ Ecology
- ✓ Physiology
- ✓ Taxonomy and genetic structure
- ✓ Conservation management
- ✓ Veterinary medicine
- ✓ Captive management in support of the wild world

CALL FOR PAPERS/POSTERS

You are invited to submit titles for platform and poster presentations. Platform presentations will be allowed 15 minutes and 5 minutes of questions/discussion. We welcome contributions from scientists, students, wildlife managers, and decision-makers in the field of giraffe research who have interesting findings to present. *For more details see Section 4.*

Posters will be presented during a poster session(s) in the form of a poster display and informal discussions.

Deadlines:

Paper and Poster Titles: Paper/Poster titles should reach the organising committee by **28 February 2011**, in order for a provisional programme to be compiled for the second announcement, as appropriate. *For more details see Section 4.*

Abstracts: A short abstract for both papers and posters (about 300 - 350 words) should be submitted by **30 April 2011** for inclusion in the programme. *For more details see Section 4.*

The titles and abstracts should be sent by e-mail to: giraffe.indaba@gmail.com

EVALUATION OF PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

Awards will be presented to the best presentations/posters in the following categories:

Best Presenter (Student):	Presentation of work done towards studies, including Masters/PhD
Best Presenter:	Presentation of work done by researchers, lecturers & managers
Best Poster:	Over all

The objective of these awards is to encourage a high standard of presentations and to motivate young scientists/managers.

PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

Proceedings of papers presented at the Indaba will be published in the South African Journal of Wildlife Research. Additionally, presenters are encouraged to submit their papers for peer-review publication in the South African Journal of Wildlife Research and if enough submissions are approved, every effort will be made to publish them together in an issue. See the instructions for authors and guidelines online at: www.sawma.co.za

SEMINAR, 7 JULY 2011

THEME: 'Conservation and Management of Giraffe in Africa – Looking Forward'

The Seminar hopes to bring together and discuss the collective thoughts from the giraffe community on what are the gaps in current giraffe conservation and management, both geographically and in terms of our knowledge. Ideally, the seminar will provide a 'road map' of where to go in the short- to medium-term with regards to furthering our knowledge of giraffe status, distribution, taxonomy, ecology and other aspects of giraffe science.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

A brief outline of the programme:

(A provisional programme should be available by end May 2011)

Monday, 4 July 2011:

Mid-morning: Delegates depart Windhoek to Indaba lodge (*lunch en-route*)

Afternoon: Delegates arrive late afternoon for registration and

Evening: "Karibuni" sundowner from 18h00.

Tuesday, 5 July 2011:

Morning: Registration continues

Opening address by an invited Guest Speaker

Presentation of papers

Afternoon: Presentation of papers, poster session

Evening: Buffet dinner

Wednesday, 6 July 2011:

Morning: Presentation of papers

Afternoon: Presentation of papers

Evening: Dinner with Guest Speaker

Awards for best presentations

Thursday, 7 July 2011:

Morning: Seminar: 'Conservation and Management of Giraffe in Africa – Looking Forward'

Afternoon: Game drive in Etosha NP (optional)

Evening: Dinner

Friday, 8 July 2011:

Morning: Delegates depart after breakfast

Please Note: It is proposed that throughout the Indaba at least two informal sessions around giraffe taxonomy and collaring will be held dependent on the interest of participants. Other informal sessions are open for discussion so please feel free to request.

– SECTION 2 –

ACCOMMODATION & REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION

It is important to note that **no registration fee** (for those staying at Etosha Safari Lodge) is being levied due to the support of the Giraffe Conservation Foundation for this event. The **Full Board** option as highlighted below, **includes** bed, breakfast, lunch & dinner and mid-morning and – afternoon tea/coffee but **excludes** drinks. A cash bar will be available at all times. A day visitor option is available and presented below.

ACCOMODATION

We must first thank Gondwana Collections for their support of this event and use of their facilities. www.gondwana-collection.com

The Etosha Safari Lodge is located adjacent to the world famous Etosha National Park, just 10km south of the Anderson gate to the park.



This recently completed lodge is built on top of a hill with great bush views towards the park. Comprising of 55 chalets, each with air conditioning; these colonial cottage style chalets have face brick columns and white walls, and a high roof with white rafters completes the room. Large wooden windows and a veranda give the guest a chance to enjoy the private view. The main building built on different levels, includes a restaurant, bar, curio shop and reception area.

Each individual will be responsible for **booking and paying** their own accommodation at Etosha Safari Lodge by completing the booking form obtainable from:

David (ATI Holidays)
Email: giraffe.indaba@infotour-africa.com
Tel: +264 61 228717
UK subsidised: 0700 5930967
US Toll Free: 1888 333 3876
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A block booking has been made which will be released for sale to others on **1 May 2011**.

This means that after 1 May 2011 all rooms and rates will be subject to availability at the time of booking. "Late fees" may be applicable to bookings after this date. **The final cut off date for registrations is 1 June 2011.**

Lodge Accommodation Options:

1. **Full Board Sharing – excluding drinks (for delegates sharing a unit): N\$805.00** per person, per night. *(This equates to approximately US\$115 per person, per night)*
2. **Full Board non-sharing – excluding drinks (for delegates staying alone in a unit): N\$1,000.00** per person, per night. *(This equates to approximately US\$145 per person, per night)*

Optional Activity:

- ½ day game drive in Etosha National Park can be booked for the final afternoon (7 July) of the Indaba at the reduced rate of N\$420 pp.

Children Rates:

- Children below five (5) are free while those six (6) to eleven (11) years of age will be charged N\$675 per night. Children of twelve (12) and above will be charged the same as adults.

DAY VISITOR

Note, if you are interested in only being a **day visitor**, then the following rate will apply: N\$125.00 per person, which includes lunch and mid-morning and –afternoon tea/coffee. If you wish to stay for dinner, this will be levied at N\$175 and must be booked in advance.

Cancellation policy:

The 20% deposit required to secure your booking is non-refundable.

If you wish to cancel your participation at the Indaba the following cancellation charges will be applied from the day written request of cancellation is received by us:

Amount of cancellation charge is shown as a % of total cost:

More than 6 weeks	20% Deposit
6 to 4 weeks	50%
Less than 4 weeks	100%

***Please see full terms and conditions for full details**

GETTING THERE

Travel to Namibia

There are various direct flights from major centres to Windhoek (Namibia), in particular from Germany, or via Johannesburg/Cape Town in South Africa. Delegates will need to arrange their own air travel to Namibia.

Travel to the lodge

A return bus service will be offered from Windhoek to the Indaba, collecting from and dropping off at designated accommodation facilities within the city.

The cost for this transport, including lunch en-route on the 4th July will be **N\$800.00** pp return. *Please note, this should be booked at the same time as your accommodation.*

Car Hire

Alternatively for those more independently minded Indaba goers, we can offer you excellent rates on car hire for a variety of models, all of which are offered on an inclusive, zero excess basis, with 100% CDW and theft waiver, PAI and includes tyres, rims, lights, glass and an additional spare for some models, plus free pick-up and drop-off anywhere in the Windhoek area.

GROUP	VEHICLE MAKE AND MODEL	1-6 Days	7-13 Days
A	Kia Picanto/ Similar Manual	408	392
B	Toyota Yaris/ Similar Manual	508	488
P	Diahatsu Terios 4x4 Manual	824	793
S	Hyundai Tucson 2x4 Manual	1078	1035
W	4x4 Toyota Hilux Double Cab with canopy / Similar Manual	999	960

For further details contact our Indaba booking partners: giraffe.indaba@infotour-africa.com

Road Directions – Self-drive:

From Windhoek

Head north from Windhoek on the main B1 road

Continue past Okahandja

Continue along the road to Otjiwarongo

Once you reach Otjiwarongo turn west (left) towards Outjo on the C38 road

Passing through Outjo continue north for approx. 104 km to Etosha NP

On the left will be the signs for Etosha Safari Lodge

From Etosha National Park (Anderson, Okaukuejo, Gate)

Depart south through the Anderson Gate of Etosha National Park on the C38 road to Outjo
Proceed on the road for approximately 9km

On the right hand side will be an entrance to the Etosha Safari Camp and a hundred metres further is the entrance to the Etosha Safari Lodge – turn right here

Accommodation In Windhoek:

Post and prior to arrival at the Indaba, we have put together a choice of three different standards of accommodation in Windhoek for you to choose between. Should your first choice not be available, we will offer you an alternative facility of a similar standard.

1. Cardboard Box Back Packers (www.cardboardbox.com.na/cardboardbox.html)

The Cardboard Box is Windhoek's original and best backpacker in town. This vibrant, fun place offers twin and dormitory accommodation, comfortably spaced around a large pool. The fully equipped bar offers a great chance to meet other travellers and enjoy a light meal while catching up with the weeks big sporting event! Breakfast is inclusive and comprises a variety of pancakes, fresh fruit, tea and coffee. **Price N\$90 pp dorm sharing, N\$280 pp sharing a twin room with shared bathroom facilities, or N\$280 pp for a single twin room on a B&B basis.**

2. Rivendell Guest House (www.rivendellnamibia.com)

Rivendell Guest House is located in a quiet suburb close to the city centre. Relax around the swimming pool or lounge area, and maybe take the afternoon to explore the shops and restaurants of the city. Rivendell is proud to offer one of the best breakfasts in town, with a choice of full English or continental. Facilities include TV lounge, large swimming pool, self-catering kitchen, safe parking, internet, & good wine selection. **Price N\$360 pp sharing, N\$505 single for an en-suite room on a B&B basis.**

3. The Elegant Guest House (www.the-elegant-collection.com/guesthouse.html)

Situated in a tranquil suburb, close to both restaurants and city centre, this stylish development is perfectly placed for those taking their first or last night in Windhoek. The guest house consists of just 6 luxurious en-suite double rooms. Set against a back drop of mature blue gum trees and close to a crystal clear pool. Each room is equipped with a telephone, air conditioning safe, 5 Channel television, plus tea and coffee facilities. Additionally free, 24 hour internet access is also offered. Breakfast is a continental style buffet, served in the comfortable lounge & restaurant area. You can indulge in the contemporary flair and stylish surroundings of this lovely guesthouse that always seems to be able to offer that little bit extra. **Price N\$625 pp sharing a twin room, N\$720 single for an en-suite room on a B&B basis.**

If you have any other accommodation preferences in Windhoek, we can also make arrangements to accommodate these so please remember to ask.

Travel Plans?

Extend Your Stay And See A Little More Of Namibia With A Self-Drive, Guided or Fly-in Tour:

ATI Holidays, Namibia's premier self-drive holiday provider and partner in organising the Indaba will be happy to help you plan an extended your stay in Namibia or Botswana, by tailoring a trip to suit your individual interests, budget and window of opportunity, allowing you to see more of this remarkable and diverse country. Itineraries can commence either from Windhoek or directly from Etosha NP, either ending in time for the conference or starting thereafter. Accommodation styles can vary from self-contained camping, to luxury lodge and fly-in holidays. Below we have included links to a couple of example itineraries that may help provide a few suggestions:

Best of Namibia, 14 day, 3* self-drive:

<http://www.infotour-africa.com/holidayindex.php?holidayid=172>

Northern Namibia Highlights, 8 day, 3* self-drive:

<http://www.infotour-africa.com/holidayindex.php?holidayid=184>

Southern Namibia Highlights, 12 Days, 3* self-drive:

<http://www.infotour-africa.com/holidayindex.php?holidayid=187>

Making Payment and Confirmation:

In order to confirm your interest in this prestigious event please contact:

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Once we have received your request we will provisionally hold the space and confirm your first choice guesthouse availability, should this not be available we will give offer you an alternative option in a facility of a similar standard.

To confirm the booking we require a 20% deposit, with the outstanding payment due no later than the 1 May 2011. Payment can be made via our secure on-line payment facility, or directly into our Namibian business account, details to be provided at point of confirmation.

We look forward to welcoming you to Namibia and the Giraffe Indaba!

– SECTION 3 –

ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

The organising committee consists of members from the Giraffe Conservation Foundation and IUCN SSC ASG International Giraffe Working Group. If you have any specific questions or concerns, please contact us directly through the email address below.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Giraffe Indaba

Email: giraffe.indaba@gmail.com

SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

Submissions of paper/poster titles:	by 28 February
Submissions of abstracts:	by 30 April
Booking of accommodation:	by 30 April 2011
Final submission of booking forms:	1 June 2011
Cancellation:	After 1 June 2011, Nil reimbursement

BOOKINGS & TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

For all Indaba, accommodation, vehicle hire and pre- and post-trip opportunities, please contact David at ATI Holidays who are our booking partners for this event.

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Abstract Content and Style

Deadline for paper and poster titles: 28 February 2011

Abstracts must be received by 30 April 2011

Each submitted abstract must include the following and carefully adhere to these guidelines:

Title

The title must be in Sentence Case, centred, bold.

Author(s)

(Bold, centred) List the full first and last names of each author. Underline the presenting author and include affiliation information of each author below this item. Use superscripts to identify multiple authors with different affiliations (follow format below). Do not use superscripts for single authors or multiples from the same affiliation.

Presenter's contact information

Name, address, phone number, email (hyperlinked)

Body of Abstract

Abstracts must not exceed 350 words. Emphasize the results of a study or the practical application of a management project or programme. If there is more than one paragraph, single space between paragraphs and do not indent.

Sub Theme(s)

Identify the theme(s) under which you think this presentation best fits.

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| ✓ Ecology | ✓ Conservation management |
| ✓ Physiology | ✓ Veterinary medicine |
| ✓ Taxonomy and genetic structure | ✓ Captive management in support of the wild world |

Develop the abstract in Microsoft Word in a Windows format, using 2cm margins and Arial, 10 point font. All spacing within the title/author area, abstract body and conference topic should be single-spaced and separated from each other by one space. Please see the example below:

Please note: Paper as well as poster presenters should submit an abstract and the organising committee will not edit or review any data/information presented in the abstracts.

Example

The diet of extra-limital giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*) in Mosaic Thicket of the southern Cape

Andri Cornelius, Lawrence Watson and Anton Schmidt

School of Natural Resource Management, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Saasveld
Campus, George, South Africa

Ms Andri Cornelius, Private Bag X6531, George 6530
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The diet assessment of large herbivores is crucial into providing insight into the impact these herbivores may have on a system. Although this is true for any large herbivore, this may be particularly relevant for large herbivores occurring in systems in which they have not co-evolved with the vegetation. Giraffe are extra-limital to the southern Cape but have recently been introduced into a number of estates...(and so on...)

Sub theme: Please also pick the relevant sub theme under which the paper best fits.

Abstract and Topic Submission

Abstracts must be submitted electronically by attaching the Microsoft Word file containing the abstract to an email message. The email must include the information:

TO: giraffe.indaba@gmail.com

SUBJECT:

Topic (Specify poster or paper presentation)

- Contact person (presenter)
- Address
- Telephone, Fax, Email
- Special requests for equipment other than computer and projector (see "Oral Presentations")
- Attached abstract following the specified guidelines

You will be notified of receipt via email. If you have questions contact the organizing committee by email at: giraffe.indaba@gmail.com

Platform Presentations

Oral presentations in the concurrent sessions will be **maximum** 15 minutes followed by 3 to 5 minutes for questions. Presentation time limits will be strictly enforced to allow conference delegates to move from session to session.

If your abstract is accepted, you will be provided further information on operating system requirements for your presentation, instructions on getting your presentation loaded, etc.

Microsoft PowerPoint is strongly preferred for oral presentations. Overhead or slide projectors will **not** be available.

Poster Presentations

Posters are strongly encouraged as they allow extended informal discussions and active participation of co-authors. The programme will make allowance for a poster session(s) where posters can be displayed and informally discussed.

- **Maximum size: PORTRAIT AO = Width 841mm – Height 1189 mm.**
- **Include your name, address and if possible a small photo on the poster.**
- **A viewer should be able to read and understand the poster in less than two minutes.**
- **If interested, a 'JPEG' version of your PPT poster will be placed on the Giraffe Indaba 2011 website (see details below to save appropriately).**
- **There will be a special poster session(s), and you will have the opportunity to stand at your poster and share your information with the audience.**

How to save your PPT Poster as a 'JPEG':

Step 1: Compress your pictures to reduce file size

Point your mouse to a picture and press the RIGHT mouse button. Select "Format Picture" on the menu.

Go to the tab "Picture" and select "Compress"

On the window "Compress Pictures", select:

Apply to "All pictures in document"

Change resolution to "Print"

Tick Options "Compress Pictures" and "Delete cropped areas of pictures"

Press "OK"

PowerPoint might give you a warning that you will reduce the quality of your images. Ignore this and press: "Apply"

Step 2: Save your Poster as 'JPEG'

Go to the menu "**File**" and click "**Save As**"

In the window "**Save As**", type the name of the file (Use GiraffeIndaba2011_your name_).

In the field "**Save As tTpe**" select **JPEG File Interchange Format (*.jpg)**

Press "Save" and you are done.

NB: Coral Draw users, please use the option File – Export – Graphics to save your poster as 'JPEG'.

Please do follow our instructions to help us make the compiling of all much easier!

Should you have further enquiries please contact: giraffe.indaba@gmail.com