



THE ISIMANGALISO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECT

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

This project is offering groups of school children from rural or underprivileged backgrounds the opportunity of visiting the iSimangaliso Wetland Park to learn more about biodiversity, and the importance of conserving our environment.

iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority received funding from the National Lotteries Commission to implement the project and the African Conservation Trust provides the logistical support. An estimated 3,600 learners and educators will be reached by this initiative.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

iSimangaliso Wetland Park is a world heritage site and the largest estuarine system in Africa. It encompasses five ecosystems and offers exceptional diversity of species, including coral reefs and sub-tropical dune forests. It is home to 521 bird species and every summer, leatherback and loggerback turtle's journey to these shores to lay their eggs in the sand.

These educational field trips provide learners with a hands-on experience of nature. Many rural schools lack the funding to provide learners with any extracurricular or educational field trips, and by affording them this opportunity, students leave with a greater awareness and understanding of the natural environment.

