

ECO-SCHOOL SCHOOLS CULTURAL ‘GROUND HORNBILL DAY’ AT POKANONG IN THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE



400 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN, PLUS THEIR TEACHERS, PARENTS AND VILLAGE ELDERS AT A RURAL SCHOOL IN LIMPOPO PROVINCE WATCHING A DVD ON GROUND HORN BILLS.

A group of Ground Hornbills have been breaking windows at the Pokonong School, a rural school in the Limpopo Province, and upsetting the community who have reduced the group and burnt the nest. The Mabula Ground Hornbill Project has been working with this school for the last 6 years to replace the windows and helping with understanding the birds and how we need to learn to live with our wildlife.

Judy van Schalkwyk from the Eco-schools programme in the area organised a ‘Cultural Day’ with the school in August, 2009, dedicated to the Ground Hornbill.

A DVD made by Eelco Meyes on the Ground Hornbill Project, sponsored by WWF-The Green Trust and Sasol, was shown to 400 primary children, their parents, teachers, the local dignitaries and Government representatives.

It was a wonderful day filled with information, enthusiasm, dancing and a traditional meal, all with the Ground hornbill as it’s theme.



A SONG AND DANCE TO THE GROUND HORNBILL