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AN INTRODUCTION TO
MAP IVES



— WHO IS MAP IVES? —

A LIFE OF CONSERVATION

Driven by a curiosity about the natural world, Map began his wildlife career in 1974 when he joined the Zimbabwe National Parks Department as a field ranger working alongside some of the true legends of wildlife management and conservation.

Returning to Botswana in 1983 he discovered the Okavango Delta and began a lifetime of study and guiding as he combined his natural enthusiasm for natural science with an understanding of the deep links between mankind and all living things. Much of his inspiration is based on an understanding of 'Cosmos', where everything has a place and function in a complex and yet orderly system whilst looking for the beauty and spirituality so apparent on Earth.

QUICK FACTS:

- Map has almost 50 years of ranger & guiding experience
- He has been involved in establishing conservation areas & anti-poaching patrols
- He has worked for numerous renowned organizations including Londolozi & Wilderness Safaris



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MORE ABOUT
MAP

AN EXPERT GUIDE & CONSERVATOR

Map began his acclaimed wildlife career in 1976 when he joined the Zimbabwe National Parks Department as a field ranger. His early projects included establishing a protected area for birds, and conducting lengthy foot patrols to ward off poachers and record data on black rhino populations.

In 1979, he moved to South Africa where he became one of the pioneer guides of the country's private safari industry at Londolozi Private Game Reserve. In 1982, he returned to Botswana where he led walking safaris from mekoro into the remotest parts of the Okavango Delta.

At the time, the Okavango was still relatively unknown, so he spent a great deal of time exploring the area, living on islands while gathering plants for identification. He soon realized that the Okavango was one of the finest and most pristine environments on the continent and embarked on a study of this unique system, from the geological formation of the Delta and surrounds, to the movements and localities of bird and mammal populations.

He joined Wilderness Safaris' environmental department in 1992, working on its sustainability projects.

Map played a key role in the development of the Ramsar Convention, with ecotourism a pivotal aspect of economic income for conservation and community support.

Through a joint venture, Wilderness Safaris and Botswana's Department of Wildlife and National Parks began reintroducing black and white rhino to northern Botswana. Map's experience in conservation led him to becoming manager of the Moremi Game Reserve.

In 2012 and again in 2016 he was appointed as the National Rhino Coordinator for Botswana where he played a major role in the planning and implementation of a national rhino management strategy. In 2015 he retired from Wilderness Safaris to form the Rhino Conservation Botswana Trust which he ran until 2020 when he resigned to return to his original profession and passion as a professional safari guide.

Map is acknowledged as a leading expert on the Okavango Delta, its various components and wildlife populations, and has established himself as spokesman for the protection of this unique wetland.

He has been married to his wife, Kathy, for thirty five years and they have two adult children, Kirsten and William.

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