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Responsible Travel Policy

Environmental Concern

- Over and above EHRA's focus on conservation we are very strict about the impact that we have on our environment
- EHRA will not leave any trace of occupancy at any of its wild camps on patrol
- EHRA will not drive off existing tracks, unless safety of the group dictates this
- All waste will be recycled where possible and brought through to towns where recycling schemes exist rather than using local land fill sites.
- Volunteers will be trained and expected to use our system of waste separation
- At EHRA base camp toilets are a composting design, at wild camps volunteers and staff will burn toilet paper
- Water use is kept to a minimum; at the base camp where we have water volunteers are encouraged to turn taps on and off whilst brushing teeth and washing.
- We limit the amount of wood that we use and only use wood from sustainable sources.
- We limit the amount of foil, tins and unrecyclable products in our provision of food items

Social Concern

- Volunteers are encouraged to interact with the local communities and information on cultural differences is explained
- EHRA supports its local primary schools through links with partner schools
- EHRA supports local conservancies and assists in their management of their area and resources
- EHRA has sponsored the local conservancies football team
- EHRA has created an educational project focusing on elephant training to empower communities with the knowledge they require to live in safety and without fear of the local herds of elephants
- Volunteers will be treated in a professional manner and provided with high quality customer service
- Volunteers will be given training in all aspects of bush life from cooking to safety instructions
- Volunteers will be fully briefed on EHRA's risk assessment
- Volunteers will be fully briefed before the build week and patrol with specific information pertaining to skills and knowledge

Economic Concern

- EHRA employs staff from the local area and Namibian residents
- EHRA staff are paid almost 40% more than the industry standard and provides SOS International cover for staff and families
- EHRA uses local shops for the provision of food for volunteers
- EHRA assisted local people to provide add on businesses based around the volunteer programme, for instance a clothes washing service and wood provision service.
- EHRA encourages volunteers to buy souvenirs from the local area and stops at the various stalls
- Approximately 50-60% of volunteers contribution is directed back to the local community