



MAP IVES SPECIALIST SAFARI GUIDE – FREELANCE



Operates in Botswana & other parts of Africa.

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.

Map Ives has been a licensed Professional Wildlife Guide and conservationist in Botswana for the last forty years. He has organized and led safaris into the wildest parts of the northern Botswana wilderness, including the Chobe National Park, the Central Kalahari, the Linyanti system and his special interest, the great Okavango Delta where his knowledge of the geology, hydrology, geomorphology, and animal movements, have earned him a reputation as one of the very best guides in the region. He has a special interest in the adaptations of plants and animals to this ever-changing environment, especially the rapid changes being brought about in the modern world.

His passion for this precious area led him to become involved in the Botswana Rhino Project in which he played a leading role. He has served as Botswana's National Rhino Coordinator and as Director of the Rhino Conservation Botswana Trust and is still working as a consultant to various projects involving rhinoceros in Botswana.

Map's is acknowledged as a leading expert on the Okavango Delta, it's various components and wildlife populations, and has also established himself as spokesman for the protection of this unique wetland of international importance. He is passionate about conservation and the linkages between the tourism economy and the protection of wild landscapes in Africa whilst also exploring the importance of humanities wellbeing and the environment.

Years of guiding experience

Map has been a professional guide for 39 years and started his career in 1983.

Regional knowledge and expertise

Map is a specialist in the Okavango Delta and Kgalagadi areas of Botswana. He can also guide in Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi.

Ideal for accompanying

Multi-generation family travel, couples, solo travelers, small groups, journalists, photographers.

Areas of special interest

Rhino conservation, geology, hydrology, geomorphology and animal movements. plants & the adaptation of plants, birdlife.

Qualifications & Experiences

- Map began his wildlife career in 1976 when he joined the Zimbabwe National Parks Department as a field ranger.
- His early projects took him Darwendale where he helped establish a protected area for birds around a newly formed lake and Chizarira National Park in the Zambezi escarpment where he conducted lengthy foot patrols to ward off poachers and record data on black rhino populations.
- In 1979, he moved to South Africa and became one of the pioneers of the country's private safari industry at Londolozi Private Reserve in Mphumalanga. Working as a professional guide.
- In 1982 he returned to Botswana where he led walking safaris based out of mokoro into the remotest parts of the Delta.
- Map spent a great deal of time exploring the relatively unknown Okavango Delta, living on islands while gathering plants for identification.
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Languages: English and Setswana

Currently Live: in a village called Matlaphaneng in the Okavango Delta where he continues to guide safaris into the wilds of northern Botswana.

' This world and all life is so completely intertwined, I regard vegetative plants as being the basis for all life on Earth. I also regard the complexity of adaptation in plants and animals to be of primary importance when trying to understand their success in survival on this planet..' - Map Ives

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