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The KZNCF Education Project

Based on the three pillars of the KZN Crane Foundation, nature-based education holds great importance. David Attenborough said: "If children don't grow up knowing about nature and appreciating it, they will not understand it, and if they don't understand it, they won't protect it. And if they don't protect it, who will?"

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s Commission on Education and Communication (CEC) emphasises the importance of **Nature-based Education**. Their concept is: "connecting with nature creates meaningful and positive experiences that develop a connection with and love for nature that, in turn, results in people caring and taking action for the Earth. Positive direct experiences outdoors and role models of care for nature during childhood are especially powerful ways to lead individuals and adults to take actions that benefit environmental well-being"

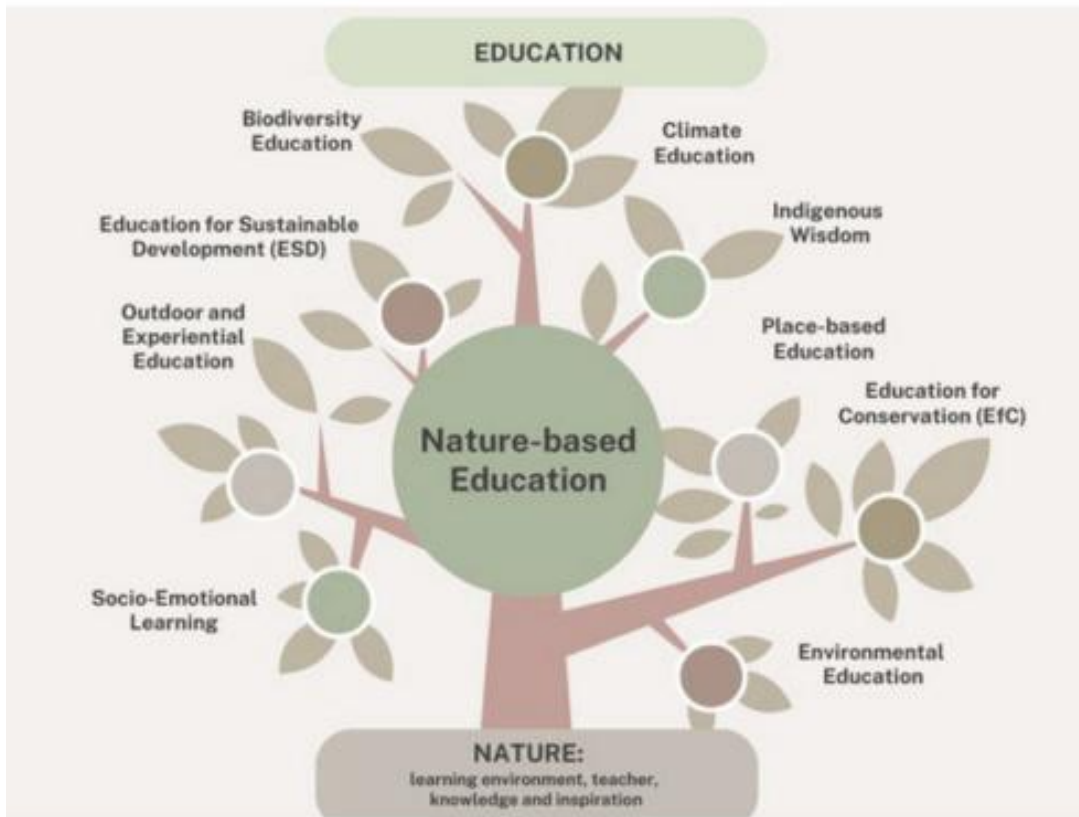
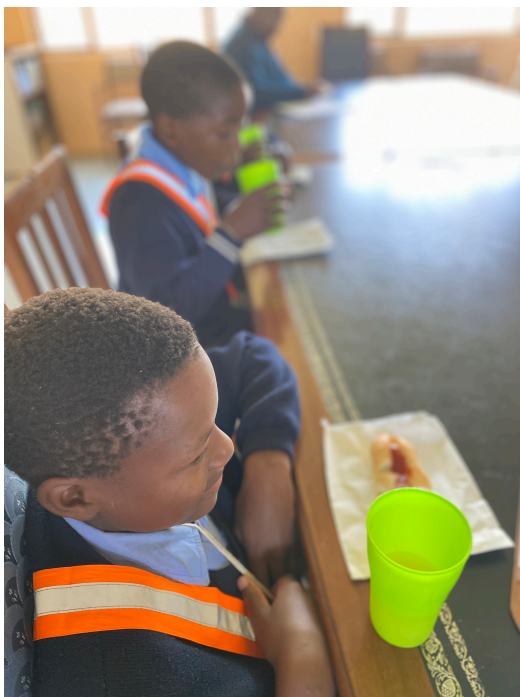


Figure 1: Nature-based Education for Planetary Health, Prepared by the Commission on Education and Communication (CEC) of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Technical Brief | UNFCCC COP 28, November 2023



Since 2021, we have supported 2192 students and teachers on our education excursions.

Teacher feedback...

The excursions have immensely benefited both teachers and learners by allowing them to discover the world around them. Teachers have realised the importance of exposing the learners to natural environment, understanding that education does not take place within the four walls of the classroom only. Learning becomes more meaningful when learners are involved in hands-on activities. Excursion has promoted active engagement of learners with their peers as well as the natural environment. Most importantly has developed values such as the love, respect for ecosystems of their environment, awareness, service and creativity. Lastly has developed an awareness about their impact to various ecosystems that results to loss of biodiversity.

By Antonia Mkhabela (Shea O'Connor Deputy Head & member of the KZNCF Committee)



"I like coming to Crane Foundation with my learners, because it is so exciting for them. They learn better by seeing, touching and hearing. Different environment creates a new mood, enhances the learning. There are so many things out there to learn about. Learning outside is not rigid. From what they see, touch, learners begin to question themselves with interest as they are able to find different possible answers themselves. Different skills acquired: identify/observe/compare. As a teacher I don't have discipline issues when learners are outside in the reserve. They are all focussed and interested."

By Mr Buthelezi (Teacher at Silindele Primary School)



Stay active this winter!

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SOCIAL RUNNING CLUB
THURSDAYS
@ 06:30am

Start in front of Miche Bakery, and run ~5km through the Bill Barnes Crane and Oribi Reserve, before heading back to Miche Bakery for an early morning coffee.

How to join:

1. Sign an Indemnity Form for the reserve. (NO INDEMNITY = NO RUN)
2. R20 cash donation for the reserve - UNLESS you are already a member in which case it is free.
3. Meet at **Miche Bakery at 6:15am** on Thursday mornings.
4. Join for a coffee afterwards if you have the time!

ALL FITNESS LEVELS WELCOME



THE CRANE FOUNDATION

ECO TRAIL




OPEN TO RUNNERS & WALKERS
EVERY SATURDAY
7:30 - 11:00

INDEMNITY FORMS TO BE SIGNED AT EARTH ROUTE MARKET. A STICKER WILL BE GIVEN AND CHECKED WITH THE GUARD AT THE GATE.

DONATIONS WELCOME VIA THE QR CODE WHEN SIGNING IN.




If you would like to join our membership or find out more about what we do at the KZNCF, follow the link: <https://kzncranefoundation.org.za/get-involved/become-a-memb...> or contact Sue on admin@kzncranefoundation.org.za. Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/kzncranef/> and Instagram https://www.instagram.com/kzn_cf/ to see what happens during the month.


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