

Partners:

UNITE works with other organizations including:

- Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA)
- Kamwenge District Local Government
- Kibale Association for Rural and Environmental Development (KAFRED)
- Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (MPI-EVAN)
- Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
- Primate Education Network (PEN)
- Tooro Botanical Gardens (TBG)
- Kasiisi Project
- Project Enlighten
- The New Nature Foundation
- Ngogo Chimpanzee Project
- Kibale Snare Removal Project
- Conservation Through Public Health (CTPH)
- Jane Goodall Institute (JGI)
- Makerere University Biological Field Station (MUBFS)
- Nature Uganda
- Sadghuru International School, Ndali

Our UNITEd Approach

At 3.1%, Uganda has one of the highest population growth rates in the world. Therefore, the areas around the park are heavily settled by people, many of whom depend upon the natural resources including land for agriculture. Extraction of these resources by an increasing human population is creating a threat to the magnificent biodiversity in Uganda's protected areas. Schools around protected areas are in rural settings with limited support from the government.

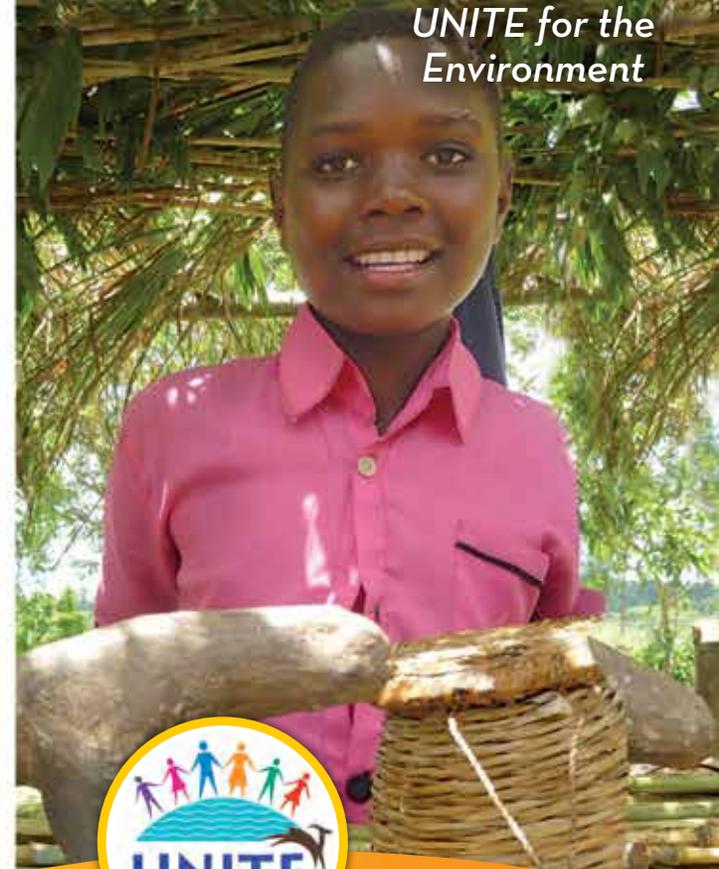
UNITE for the Environment works to conserve important wildlife habitats by empowering the next generation of conservationists. We make a difference in communities by improving education and access to sustainable activities.



North Carolina



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UNITE for the Environment strives to provide communities with quality conservation education programming rooted in science and culture that address local environmental needs with local sustainable solutions.

Core Activities

Teacher Trainings

In order to create more impact UNITE focuses on a single sustainable activity each year and works closely with teachers to help them incorporate environmental education into the classroom and with schools to implement conservation related projects in their communities. The training topics are geared towards solving a conservation problem in the community and adjacent protected areas.

Student Field Trips

UNITE offers educational field trips for primary five, six, seven and secondary students.

Evaluations

UNITE staff observe each teacher we work with in the classroom to assess teaching methods, quality of content used, and whether or not they are integrating environmental education into the classroom. In addition, we conduct beginning and end of year student questionnaires and use community home visits to evaluate conservation projects.



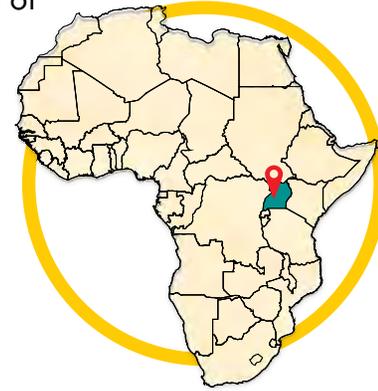
Achievements to-date:

- UNITE has built capacity of Ugandans to spearhead implementation of conservation education in schools and local communities with three full-time Ugandans employed.
- Over 120 teachers, who reach 5,500 students every day, improved their level of environmental education integration in the classroom.
- Enabling over 1000 students each year to visit and appreciate natural areas such as national parks, wetlands and botanical gardens while connecting these to what students learn in class.
- Increased use amongst UNITE community members of sustainable activities such as green agricultural practices, bee-keeping, and use of fuel-efficient stoves.
- To educate over 1000 local community members around Kibale National Park about the importance of conservation and what they can do to make a difference.
- UNITE helped construct an entire school and assisted other schools with construction of laboratories, water cisterns, and repairing classrooms.

UNITE is a program of North Carolina Zoo which has been working in Uganda since 2002 and has been working with eleven Ugandan schools within a five kilometer radius of Kibale National Park since 2009.

A Unique Location

Located in western Uganda, Kibale National Park is one of Africa's most important forests. It serves as home to many diverse and endangered animal and plant species. Most importantly, the forest houses the largest population of chimpanzees in East Africa and the most diverse population of primates in Africa.



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