

Methuli Tshuma's Story: Eco-Mentor to Trainee Camp Manager



Methuli Tshuma grew up in Ngamo Village in Tsholotsho, attending both Ngamo Primary and Ngamo Secondary schools where he was on the CITW scholarship programme. He joined CITW's Eco-Club programme at primary school, which is where a love for nature grew. Having a passion for the environment from a young age, he got involved in supporting environmental and conservation campaigns.

After leaving school, Methuli noticed a lack of teachers at his secondary school. Hard-working, and with a passion for education, he became a voluntary teacher at Ngamo Secondary School and got involved with the Eco-Club programme and annual camps as an eco-mentor. Through the responsibility of teaching children, his confidence and leadership skills grew. Ambitious and keen to further his qualifications, Methuli received a scholarship from CITW to attend Southern African Wildlife College (SAWC) in South Africa to study nature conservation. After completing his studies at SAWC, Methuli undertook his attachment with Wilderness Safaris. He is now a trainee manager at Kashawe Camp in Hwange National Park.

Methuli would like to learn as much as he can in management roles before maybe pursuing guiding in the next few years. He credits CITW for "transforming" his life, as he believes that he will be able to lead by example and bring changes in his community as "education is key to success."

Well done, Methuli!

