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Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

Are these resources going to be available free? Yes. iLearnabout has seen a need for well-researched, interactive and media rich conservation resources for use by school-clubs and organisations. These materials will be free online for organisations to use and download.

Which technical devices will be needed to use these resources? Resources can be viewed on PCs, tablets or phones. They can be shown to learners via tablets or projected onto a screen for whole groups to see.

What about internet connectivity and electricity supplies? All resources will be downloadable for use off-line. Solar charged tablets and power banks for projectors can be used to show the materials.

Will there be training in how to use these resources? Resources will come with technical instructions and facilitator guides. iLearnabout will also work with organisations on ways to support facilitators.

Are these resources for teachers to use or for children? Both. We are assuming that children will be facilitated by teachers/club leaders in using and understanding the resources. Children could also look through the material on their own, but this would depend on age and literacy skills.

Will I have to use all the materials in a topic pack with my clubs/outreach projects? It might take too long. No. Organisations/clubs can choose to use as little or as much of each topic pack as suits their needs. It may be just the video, part of a learning modules or just one challenge. It is up to you.

How long will it take to cover one topic? This will depend on whether all the resources are used or just some of them. Also, some practical projects take more time than others. The aim is to make the resources as flexible as possible. Organisations can decide how much or little they will use.

Will children be sitting in front of a screen all the time? No. The learning modules can be used for short periods and stopped and started according to the time you have. This leaves time for activities and games. Also, an important element in each topic is choosing and carrying out a challenge. Challenges are long, practical projects which children may return to over several weeks.

What age is this material designed for? Primary children are the main focus, particularly upper primary grades. Organisations may find the material useful in other contexts too.

What about literacy challenges? Presently the materials are in English so primary children will need support from a local facilitator/teacher. However, the interactive materials do support literacy. Text is narrated and illustrations provide context. Key topic words are defined in the glossary.

What about gender balance? Resources are gender-balanced. Female and male narrators take turns to lead learning modules and real-life 'Conservation champions' of both sexes will be featured to inspire children.

The narrators sound like their voices are computer generated. Will they be like this in the final versions? No, the final versions will have real African narrators.

Why can't I download the two demonstration learning modules? Sorry, the demonstration modules are only online at the moment. In the final topic packs, they will be available off-line.

Are these demonstration materials one complete topic pack? No. These are sample materials from different topics.

Using the modules (This will be explained in teacher guidance notes and during training.)

How do I move to the next screen? Click on the forward arrow or swipe the screen across.

How do I go back? Click on the back arrow

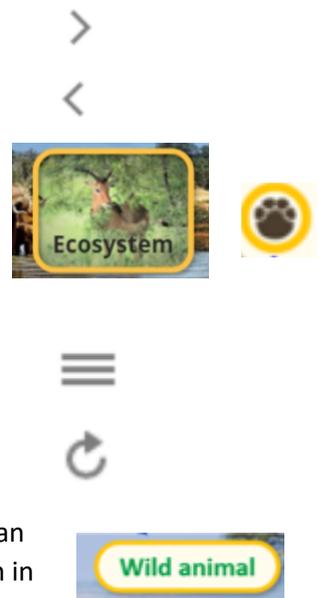
How do I view interactive 'pop-up' elements? Anything with a gold outline is interactive. This means you can click on it and it will show you a 'pop-up' box with more information. When you have finished looking at it, click the cross to return to the main screen.

Can I 'jump' to other screens in the module? Yes, look at the menu down the left hand side and click the place you want to go to. If you can't see the menu, click on this symbol.

Sometimes the audio seems jumpy or does not play. Select refresh.

How do I see word definitions? A few key words are defined in each module. You can click on a key word if it is shown like this. Or you can see the word and its definition in the glossary. Click on 'glossary' beside 'menu'.

The forward arrow is not working. Some screens are set up so you cannot move on until you have looked at all the interactive 'pop-ups'. This is so learners do not skip quiz questions or important information. If you want to jump on quickly, use the menu to choose the screen you want to go to.



Select here to open the menu

Any object with a gold outline can be selected to 'pop-up' more information.

Do wild animals have welfare needs? **Wild animal**

Do wild animals need?

-  A suitable environment
-  Food and water
-  Space for normal behaviour
-  To live with other animals (herd animals)
-  Safety from pain, injury and disease

Select each foot print

Refresh (reload screen)

Go back

Go to next screen