

Giraffe Centre

Focus area: Teacher education

The Giraffe Centre, also known as The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife-Kenya (A.F.E.W-Kenya) is situated on the edge of the Nairobi National Park and the edge of the residential area known as Karen. The centre was set up as a breeding centre for the endangered Rothschild giraffe and is also home to Giraffe Manor, a beautifully maintained colonial home, now an exclusive guesthouse. The centre has rescued, hand-reared and released around 500 orphaned giraffes back into the wild since opening its doors in 1979.

The Centre has also had a long and established objective of educating youth and teachers on mainstreaming of ESD considerations in the curriculum and different pedagogies, with an aim of conserving wildlife and the environment. This is done through training of trainers and workshops engaging all stakeholders. The Centre has implemented more than 100 change projects stimulating school-community action learning on resource utilization and management. This has played a key role in providing a platform for project-based, problem-based, and practical-based learning at the school level with great opportunity for community involvement. The centre has developed several ESD resource packs for schools in Kenya. Education visits take learners along a trail stretching about 1.5 kilometers and meandering through thick bushes and forests. There are opportunities to feed the giraffes and the centre also boasts a wide selection of bird species.

For more information and pictorials, visit <http://giraffecenter.org/>