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## TURNING FARMLAND INTO CONSERVATION LAND & BUILDING A RESEARCH STATION

by Ulf Tubbesing

Game ranching has, over the past two to three decades, contributed greatly to conservation in Namibia. Numbers of game on private farmland (comprising 43% of the country's surface area) have more than tripled and are exceeding those in Namibian national parks. Since Namibian national parks are under severe tourism pressure (even moderate tourism pressure impacts significantly on arid habitats) and with Namibia's increasing popularity as a tourist destination, there is a great need to increase the total area under conservation in Namibia. Due to budget limitations and pressing sociological needs, our government does not view the addition of more land for conservation purposes a priority. This then places the responsibility (and opportunity) of future expansion of conservation land into the hands of the private sector. > [More](#)



## MORE ACCOLADES

Outside magazine (USA) names our [Maldives coral reef & whale shark expedition](#) a "Go-and-Give Trip of the Year".



The Telegraph (UK) names our [Brazil jaguar & puma expedition](#) one of "Twenty of the world's greatest adventures".



## PLACEMENTS FOR EVERYONE

We have placements for everyone, on expedition or from home, from helping us spread the word on the internet, to helping with expeditions in Oman, Altai &

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Infostand

NABU Gut Sunder bei Celle  
– 2 April  
> [mehr](#)



### Event & prize draw

London – 6 April  
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### Talk

New York City – 24 June  
> [more](#)



### Infotag

NABU Gut Sunder bei Celle  
– 27 August  
> [mehr](#)



### Talk

Melbourne – 20 October  
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### Talk

London – 24 November  
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## FEEDBACK

My experience with Biosphere Expeditions was the event that confirmed my pursuit of a graduate

the Maldives, to desk placements in accounting or data analysis. Just have a look at our [placements page](#) and see whether you can help from the comfort of your home or in the field.

## PORTFOLIO 2011 (+ SLOVAKIA 2012)

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### Expeditions & projects 2011 + Slovakia 2012

[Fascinating creatures of the deep: Studying whales, dolphins and turtles around the Azores archipelago in the Atlantic Ocean](#)

4–13 April | 16–25 April 2011

Status **red** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Lost world: studying jaguars, pumas and their prey in Brazil's Atlantic rainforest](#)

15 - 27 May 2011

Status **amber** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Icons of the Amazon: jaguars, pumas, parrots and peccaries in Peru](#)

5 - 17 June | ~~19 June – 2 July 2011~~

Status **amber** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Mountain ghosts: snow leopards and other animals in the mountains of the Altai Republic, Central Asia](#)

20 June - 2 July | 4 - 16 July | 18 - 30 July 2011

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[Big cat conundrum: The challenge of protecting leopards, caracals and cheetahs in the Khomas Hochland of central Namibia](#)

3 - 15 July | 17 - 29 July || 7 - 19 August | 21 August - 2 September || 11 September - 23 September | 25 September - 7 October || 16 - 28 October | 30 October - 11 November 2011

Status **amber** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Little and large: surveying and safeguarding coral reefs & whale sharks of the Maldives archipelago](#)

~~3–9 September~~ | 10 - 16 September 2011

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[Underwater pioneers: studying & protecting the unique coral reefs of the Musandam peninsula within Oman & UAE](#)

9 - 15 October | 16 - 22 October 2011

Status **green** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Beach combing for conservation: monitoring flatback turtles along the stunning coastline of Western Australia](#)

7 - 14 November | 14 - 21 November 2011

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[True white wilderness: winter lynx, wolf and wildcat tracking in the Carpathian mountains of Slovakia](#)

29 January - 4 February | 5 - 11 February | 12 - 18 February 2012

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### Taster days

[Nationalpark Unteres Odertal](#)

17. Juli 2011

Status **grün** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Nationalpark Eifel](#)

7. August | 14. August 2011

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degree in Conservation Biology. It was so exciting to be given every opportunity for active engagement in all aspects of a real wildlife project. The scientists were so willing to answer my many questions – and I asked a lot! They were open about the challenges and rewards of a conservation project. From our many discussions, I gained great insight into the necessary and important collaboration between biological and social scientists.



Lynn des Rosiers-Kimmel, USA

While all the volunteers came from totally different backgrounds, it was amazing to see a wonderful group of individuals pulling together using all our talents and skills! Oh, and relaxing by the fire, listening to the wonderful night sounds, and sharing our experiences, was a great way to wrap up the day! Thank you Biosphere Expeditions, keep up the good work!

## MAGAZINE

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[Download](#) the 2011 magazine packed with stories, background information, expedition overviews, pictures and much more



## FRIENDS OF BIOSPHERE

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Not ready yet or no time to join an expedition in 2011? Then check out the

[Nationalpark Berchtesgaden](#)

18. September | 25. September 2011

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[New Forest National Park](#)

26 June 2011

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[Broads National Park](#)

~~3 July~~ | 17 July 2011

Status **amber** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Melbourne](#)

23 October 2011

Status **green** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Sydney](#)

30 October 2011

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[Friends of Biosphere Expeditions](#) on how you can help from home.

## YOUTUBE CHANNEL



[Our founder on how it all started](#)

English, 2:19

[Our founder on stamp collecting and the use of expedition participants ;\)](#)

English, 1:07

[Impressions from participants in our Western Australia turtle expedition](#)

English, 6:16

[Our Slovakia lynx & wolf scientist on how our expeditions and its team members help him with this work](#)

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