

# SAVANNAH

## CREATING HOPE THROUGH HUMAN-WILDLIFE SOLUTIONS

Stage 3 - Geography GE 3-1, 3-2, GE 3-4

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY...  
WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.



LION PRIDE LANDS photo by Rick Stevens

Explore the countries of the African region, specifically Northern Kenya, and the connection Australia has with this location across the world.

Learn about the diversity of the world's people, including the Indigenous people of Kenya and how they live. Explore and reflect upon similarities, differences and the importance of intercultural understanding.





# OUTLINE



GIRAFFES by Rick Stevens

## AT SCHOOL

Compare and contrast the school environment today to what it was like before 1788.

Investigate the Indigenous People on the land that your school was built and compare their way of life to your own. Begin to explore the Kenyan Savannah, it's Indigenous people and compare this to your local environment.

## AT THE ZOO

Explore Taronga's Savannah Exhibit and immerse yourself in the lives of the Indigenous Kenyan people. Discover how they live, use the land and interact with the wildlife around them. Find out how your everyday actions can help support the families and wildlife of Kenya. Explore the Australian sections of the zoo, Backyard to Bush and Australian Mammals section. Compare the two sections and identify any differences and similarities.

## BACK AT SCHOOL

Create an awareness campaign to educate other students at your school and your local community about the Beads for Wildlife initiative that Taronga Zoo support. Discuss the importance of beading to the Maendeleo community in Northern Kenya and how it is creating hope through human-wildlife solutions.

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# HOME AND AWAY

At school – before the zoo

Students will explore their school environment, compare it with the past and deepen their understanding of how the Indigenous People use the land.

## PAST AND PRESENT

Get to know the land your school is situated on. Find an image of the school before 1788 and have one today.

Have students use the graphic organiser (see attached) to research the school site today and compare it to the site before 1788.

Students can focus on the land and what Flora there was in the past and what there is in the present. They can also focus on the built aspects of the environment and how it has changed.

## BEFORE AND *at* THE ZOO

Use the attached table and have students to compare their life to that of the Indigenous Australians on which your school is situated. Begin filling it out before you they come to the zoo and have them bring it along, so they can learn more about how the Indigenous people of Kenya live!

## GETTING TO KNOW KENYA *and* THE SAVANNAH

Have students locate Kenya on a variety of maps and have them work out the distance to Australia.

Find photographs depicting the country (land, Kenyan people, wildlife). Have students discuss what they see, group the photos and write a short story using the photo as a stimulus.

Have students compare and contrast the physical characteristics of the Savannah to their local environment.

Compare the weather and climate in Australia to Kenya. See if students can identify any similarities. (current trends: drought)



MEERKATS by Rick Stevens



# SAVANNAH SELF-GUIDED TOUR

At the zoo

Get up close to the Savannah animals on the self-guided tour of the Savannah.

Learn all about the Indigenous people of Kenya, how they live and what they do to support their wildlife.

## TOUR

(map reference J13)

Begin your journey at the Gateway to Africa, at the portrait of Ntashawua, next to the Giraffe, Zebra and Ostrich exhibit.

Follow in the footsteps of Ntashawua as she takes you on a journey of her life and family.

Finish your journey with a trip to the bead shop and the waterhole (map reference I12).

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

As students walk around the exhibit, they can fill out the table they partly completed at school to help them learn more about the life of Ntashawua and her family.

- Find the gourd on school life, what can you see and hear? How does Ntashawua's school compare to yours?
- Find the beads gourd, read what the colours represent and record them in your book.
- Listen to the sounds as you walk through the exhibit. What do you hear?
- Find the music gourd and investigate the sounds the instruments makes. Can you connect this with other instruments you know?
- Find all the beadworks on the floor, if you can take pictures or sketch them. Using the colours from the bead gourd, interpret their meaning.



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## SELF-GUIDED ACTIVITIES

1. As you walk around the exhibit, use the narration at each of the portraits as well as the gourds, to help you **fill out the table you partly completed at school** to help you learn more about the life of Ntashawua and her family.
2. As you walk through the entrance to Savannah, you walk between Baobab Trees that are 6m high. **Write down how they make you feel.**

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3. **Write down all the sounds you hear as walk in through the entrance and record how they make you feel.**

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AFRICAN SAVANNAH PRECINCT  
by Chris Wheeler

# SAVANNAH SELF-GUIDED TOUR

At the zoo - STUDENT RESOURCE

## Village life - Stand in the Gourd on Village Life

4. Write down what you see, think and wonder:

| See | Think | Wonder |
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## School life - Find the Gourd on school life

5. Draw what you can see and write down what you hear:

| See | Hear |
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6. How does Ntashawua's school compare to yours?

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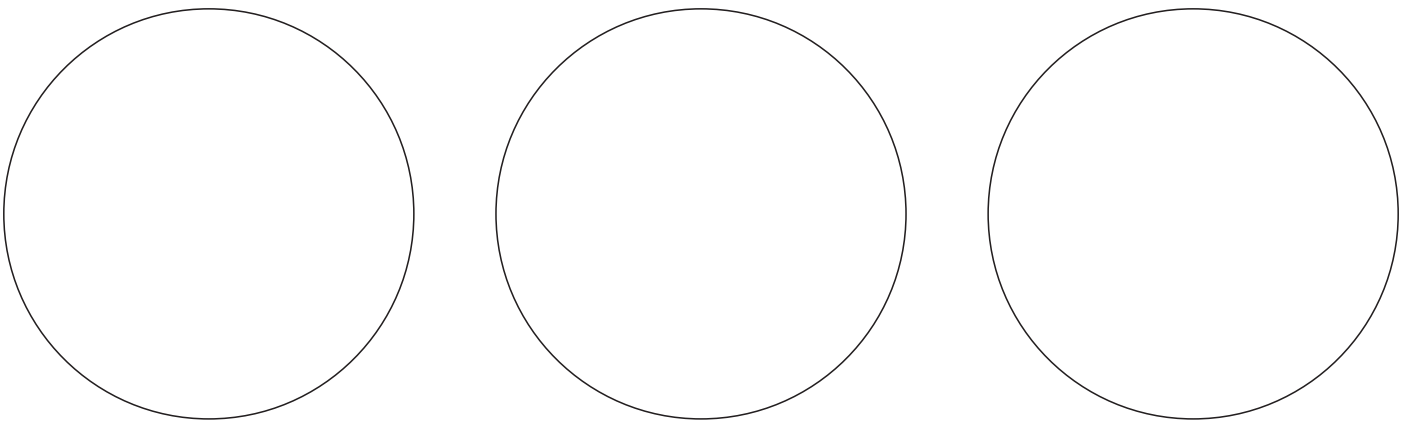
At the zoo - STUDENT RESOURCE

## Beads Gourd - Find the Gourd on Beads

7. Read what the colours represent and record them down in this table. Take them back to school with you so that you can create your own story using the colours!

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8. Find three of the beadworks on the floor, take pictures or sketch them below. Using the colours from the bead gourd, interpret their meaning.



## Music Gourd - Find the gourd on music

9. What is the purpose of music in the Kenyan Village?

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10. Investigate the sounds the instruments make.  
**Draw them and connect the sounds with other instruments you know.**



# BACK AT SCHOOL

Back at school – after the zoo

Discover more about beads for Wildlife:

<https://taronga.org.au/conservation-and-science/act-for-the-wild/beads-for-wildlife>

## BE THE CHANGE THEY NEED

Create an awareness campaign or advertisement to inform your school and community about the Beads for Wildlife and their importance to the Kenyan people.

You can choose to create:

- A website (Google site)
- A social media page
- Poster (free app poster my wall)
- A digital advertisement using iMovie, clips or touchcast studio

or any other way you wish to create your campaign.

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Write a letter encouraging the school and wider community to purchase the Beads for Wildlife.

Inform them as to why they would be purchasing the beads, what the money goes towards and why it is important for the people and the Wildlife.

## LET'S CREATE

Using the meaning of the colours of the beads, from the bead gourd, create:

- Your own message for wildlife.
- Your own message for your life.





# TEACHER RESOURCES *and* INFORMATION

## HOME AND AWAY

Resources needed:

- Graphic organiser (see attachment 1)
- Images of the school today
- Images of the school before 1788 & Information on the Indigenous People of the land
  - Local council website
  - Local Library
  - School Archives
  - Indigenous Leaders
  - Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (<https://www.aecg.nsw.edu.au/>)
- Map of Kenya
- Map of Africa (students to locate Kenya within Africa)
- Map of the World (students to locate Africa in the world and look at scale & distance to Australia)
- Climate map of Australia & Kenya to compare and contrast
- Images of Kenya (people, land, wildlife)
- Comparison table (see attachment 3)

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## AT THE ZOO

Resources needed:

- The student resource sheet
- A book to take notes/sketch or a camera to take images
- Comparison table (see attachment 3)
- A map of the zoo

## BACK AT SCHOOL

Resources needed:

- Compare and contrast graphic organiser (see attachment 2)
- Image of the meaning of the beads (see attachment 4)



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# COMPARE AND CONTRAST

At school – before the zoo

Image of school today:

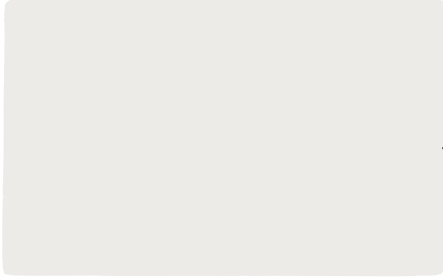
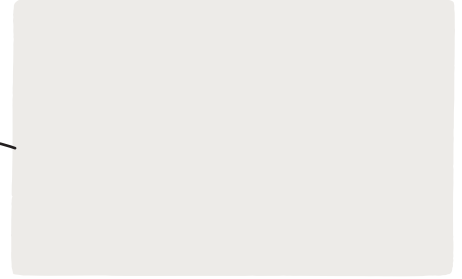


Image of school/land before 1788:



## Similarities

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## Differences

**Category:**

(flora, fauna, built environment, land use, etc.)

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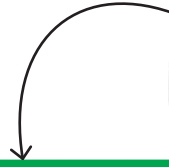
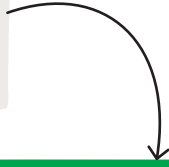
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| My Life  | Indigenous Australians<br>(To your school's land) | Indigenous Kenyan People<br>(Ntashawua & her family) |
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| Languages Spoken   |   |  |
| Family life<br><i>(Who makes up family, jobs, hobbies etc)</i>                             |   |  |
| School Life<br><i>(travel time, subjects, breaks, formal/informal education)</i>           |   |  |
| Wildlife<br><i>(In local area)</i>   |   |  |
| Collection of Resources<br><i>(How do you get what you need? Where does it come from?)</i> |   |  |
| Use of the Land<br><i>(Agriculture, built environment, fishing)</i>                        |   |  |
| Customs/Culture<br><i>(Music, storytelling etc)</i>  |   |  |



# THE MEANING *of* BEADS

Teacher resource

## PATTERNS OF THE PEOPLE

### BLUE

Blue is the sky which gives water to the land.

### GREEN

Green is the land that grows food to survive.

### YELLOW

Yellow is the animal skins that clothe the community.

### RED

Red is the blood of the livestock that men drink.

### BLACK

Black is the people and life's journey.

### WHITE

White is the goat's milk that nourishes the community.

### ORANGE

Orange is the hospitality offered to guests in Kenya.



## EVERY BEADWORK TELLS A STORY

Every piece carries a secret language of life in Kenya in the most colourful way, bringing meaning to the patterns of the people who live beside wildlife.