

How to add your project to the African conservation layer on Google Earth

You can add your conservation project(s) to the MAPA Google Earth African Conservation layer by following these five easy steps



Register as a new user



Log into the database



Enter a paragraph and a picture to describe your project, tell us who is involved in your project and where you work.



Improve your bubble with more text and pictures, videos, articles, blogs, wildlife and footprints (optional)



Click update and exit, and wait for us to activate your project (you can still edit your own work before this). Your project will appear live on Google Earth within 48 hours. Come back anytime to edit your project, or to add new projects. You can also switch off content at any time.





Step 1: Register your Project

Go to www.mapaproject.org/mapa and click on “Register as a new user. Create a username and password for yourself, and click “Register now”.

HOME | CONTACT US | REGISTER AS NEW USER | LOGIN

Welcome Mapa

The MAPA Project will make Africa's conservation areas more visible, accessible and secure by creating a digital archive of the boundaries, roads and infrastructure for over 1,000 conservation areas.

Username: myemail@gmail.com (E-mail)

Password: passwordxyz

Re-type Password:

First Name: Catherine

Last Name: MacDonald

Register Now



Step 2: Log-in

Enter your new user name and password and Log-in. Your entry will not become live until we activate it, but you will be able to add material and preview what you've added.

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Login

Username: *	<input type="text" value="myemail@gmail.com"/>
Password: *	<input type="password" value="....."/>
Remember me:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

[Forgot your password?](#)



Step 3: Add Material

After logging in, you will be taken to a page with all your material. Click on “My Research Projects”. Click “add new” (once you’ve added material you can always edit it from this screen). Start adding information.

Welcome Test User

My Contributions

- My Protected Areas
- My Countries
- **My Research Projects**
- My Critical Habitats
- My Points
- My Wildlife
- My Organisations
- My Blogs
- My Articles
- My Videos



Welcome Test User

Research Projects - 1 to 4 of 4

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Show all records Show filter

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<input type="checkbox"/>	2	New Research		Test User	No	edit delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Testing Conservation Projects		Test User	No	edit delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Yet another test project	testing testing testing testin...	Test User	No	edit delete

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The Input Screen

Here are some of the main features of the input screen. You have to fill in the first page for your project to get activated. Everything else is optional.

This is the **Progress bar**. You can move any of the tabs to associate the project with a protected area, add organisations, footprints, wildlife, blogs, video and articles. Alternatively, when you click "update and next" you will be moved through the tabs. You can exit at any time...it's not compulsory for you to add extra material.



Update Research Projects

Insert as new | Update and continue | Update and exit | Update and next | Delete | Cancel


Header

Project Title: Baboon spatial ecology on the C
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 Country 1: South A
 Country 2: Select
 Country 3: Select
 Country 4: Select
 Country 5: Select

Enter the correct geographical coordin
 e.g. Lat: -1.3616 Lon: 36.8103 (Nairobi)
 Lat: -34.134
 Lon: 18.3828

Active:
 Show km:
 Owner: Tali Ho

Initiative

Project Leader: Tali
 Project Leader E-mail: Hoffman
 Project Website Title: Baboon Research Unit
 Project Website: http://www.baboonsonline.org/br
 Staff 1 Name: Justin Stevenon
 Current Staff 1 Pic:  No file chosen

These are the **progress buttons**. Click on "update and continue" if you want to save your information and stay on the same page. "Update and next" will move you to the next tab, and "update and next" will take you back to your main listing.

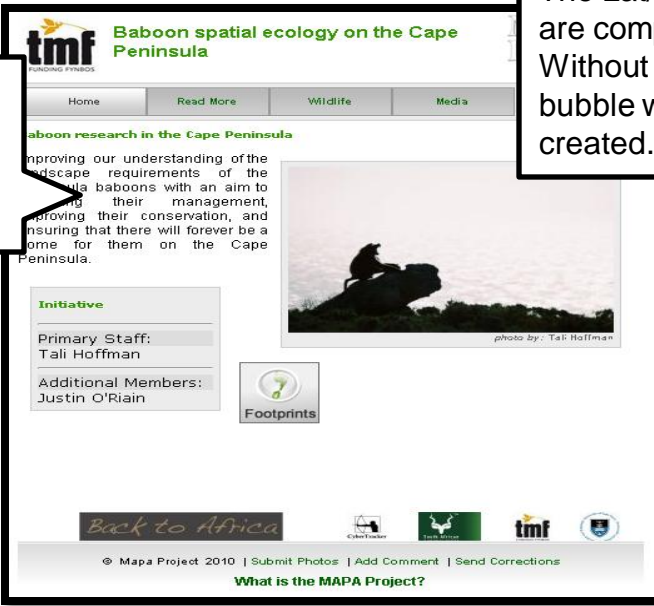
You can preview what your bubble will look like in Google Earth on this **preview screen**

On this form you will add **General** project information (including position, country, people working on the project and an introductory paragraph for your first page.

This is the current location of your project. The map will only be visible after the project has been updated for the first time. You can move the placemaker by clicking on it.



You can use this **Google Maps API** to position your project. Left click on the red cursor and left click again to place it in the desired position. The Lat/Long fields are compulsory. Without it, your bubble won't be created.





Step 4: Add more material

Using the tabs at the top of the page (shown here) you can build a really interactive, visual project bubble. You can also associate your project with a protected area.



You can add the following material

- Organisations involved in your project
- Tracks & Distributions (any kml or kmz material that will help your story, including Google Earth tours.
- Wildlife species (plants and animals) that your project aims to understand, protect or manage.
- Blogs related to your projects
- YouTube videos
- Popular Press and academic articles

Associate your project with a protected area

If you associate a protected area with your project, your project will be linked to from within that protected area bubble. To associate an area, simply search for the protected area(s) in question, tick the boxes, and click “update record” to move onto the next page.

Step 2: Add Protected Areas

Manage Research Project > Protected Areas

African Conservation Centre's Conservation Surveys

-- Select a Country --

			Update record			
Mapa:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Iona National Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Namibe Partial Reserve	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mupa National Park
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bikuar National Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mavinga Partial Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luiana Partial Reserve
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Table Mountain National Park

South Africa

Home Read More Wildlife Media Projects

Projects

View the following Projects in Google Earth:

- [Baboon spatial ecology on the Cape Peninsula](#)
- [Great White Sharks in False Bay](#)
- [Reducing baboon-human conflict in the Cape Peninsula](#)

Links: [SANParks](#) • [Wikipedia](#) • [EC Joint Research Centre](#)

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For all videos, wildlife, footprints, organizations and articles, you will first add your material, and then select it from the list. It is strongly recommended that you check whether the organization or wildlife species that you are looking is not already in the database. If you can't find it, click "add new". In the next few pages you can find information on how to add new content.

Manage Research Projects > Wildlife

Baboon spatial ecology on the Cape Peninsula

Update record 1 [add new](#)

<input type="checkbox"/> Lion	<input type="checkbox"/> African Elephant	<input type="checkbox"/> African buffalo
<input type="checkbox"/> Cape stag beetles	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern gorilla	<input type="checkbox"/> Great White Shark
<input type="checkbox"/> Gabela akalat	<input type="checkbox"/> West African manatee	<input type="checkbox"/> African clawless otter

- Wildlife:**
- Cheetah
 - Angola cave
 - Gabela helme
 - Western low
 - Loango wea
 - African golde
 - Black-fronted
 - Klipspringer
 - Fin whale
 - Tristan Albet
 - Orange-brea

Manage Research Projects > Organisations

Baboon spatial ecology on the Cape Peninsula

You can add third party logos to your project bubble. They may represent your own project identity, funders or institutions involved in the project. Please search our database for the organisation you want to add. If they are not already listed you can add them, using the Add Organisation button. You can add up to 6 organisations and clicking on their logos will open their website in a browser.

Organisation associated with Baboon spatial ecology on the Cape Peninsula:

- Back to Africa
- University of Cape Town
- Table Mountain fund
- SANPARKS
- Cybertracker

Update record 1 [add new](#)

Primary Organisation: Table Mountain fund

Organisations:

<input type="checkbox"/> WWF	<input type="checkbox"/> AA Wildlife Org Test	<input type="checkbox"/> Save Our Seas Foundation
<input type="checkbox"/> City of Cape Town	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University of Cape Town	<input type="checkbox"/> IZIKO South African museum
<input type="checkbox"/> Tusk trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands International
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation International	<input type="checkbox"/> The Ruffard small grants foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Birdlife International
<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Parks Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> A.P. Leventis Ornithological Institute	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhodes University
<input type="checkbox"/> Birding Africa	<input type="checkbox"/> IUCN Redlist	<input type="checkbox"/> Ramsar

To add an affiliation or organization

If your organization or affiliation is not in the database, you can add a new one on this page.

Insert Organisations

Insert and exit Insert Log Issue Cancel

Name: *

Owner: Alta de Vos

Current Logo: **none**

Logo: No file chosen

Description:

Contact Person:

E-mail:

Website: http://

Active:

Issues:

Insert and exit Insert Log Issue Cancel

Once you've added your organizations you can select them in the listing. You can also select a "primary organization" from the organizations that you've selected.

This linkable logo will display prominently on the left hand side of your project bubble.

The description and contact person fields are optional, and should only be added if you are sure who the appropriate contact person for this organisation is.

- Add the name of your organisation
- Upload a picture of the organisation logo (maximum size 1.5MB). If you do not add a log image, this organisation will still be saved with your record but it will not show on Google Earth.
- Add a link to this organisation's website.

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Living with Lions

Lion Guardians

LWL initiated the Lion Guardians program in 2006 in collaboration with the local communities of Mbirikani Group Ranch, and the Maasailand Preservation Trust.

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- University of Cape Town
- Table Mountain fund
- SANPARKS
- Cybertracker

Primary Organisation: Table Mountain fund

Organisations:

<input type="checkbox"/> WWF	<input type="checkbox"/> AA Wildlife Org Test	<input type="checkbox"/> Save Our Seas Foundation
<input type="checkbox"/> City of Cape Town	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University of Cape Town	<input type="checkbox"/> IZIKO South African museum
<input type="checkbox"/> Tusk trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands International
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation International	<input type="checkbox"/> The Ruffard small grants foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> BirdLife International
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To Add Footprints (Tracks & Distributions)

Footprints help you tell your story in Google Earth. Footprints can be Google Earth tours, satellite collar tracks, animal distributions and map overlays. For example, if you want to show the size of your study area on the map, or the 1960 extent of forest cover you can do that. When someone clicks on one of your Footprints it will immediately be opened up on Google Earth. Below is an example from the “Rolling back the desert” project in the Eastern Cape, South Africa.



Footprints must be .kml or .kmz files. If you create your Footprints in Google Earth they will be in the correct format but if you want to import data from a GPS or GIS program you will need to convert your original files.

To find out more, click on one of the links below.

[How can I create material in Google Earth?](#)

[How do I get my GPS work into Google Earth?](#)

[How do I get my GIS work into Google Earth?](#)

Insert Tracks & Distribution (Footprints)

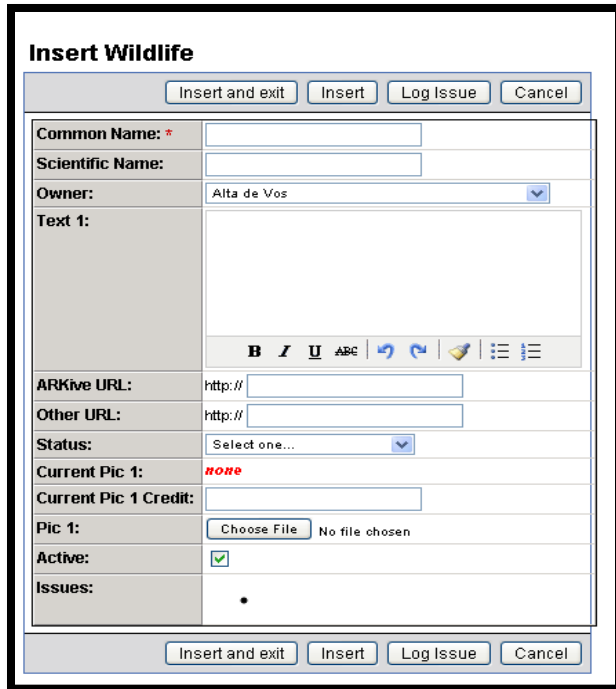
Insert Cancel

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Description:	<input type="text"/>
Lat:	<input type="text"/>
Lon:	<input type="text"/>
Pic1 Title:	<input type="text"/>
Current Pic 1:	NONE
Pic1 Filepath:	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> No file chosen
Pic1 Credit:	<input type="text"/>
Current KML:	
KML Filepath:	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> No file chosen
Show KML:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner:	Select one... <input type="button" value="v"/>

Insert Cancel

To Add Wildlife

On this page you can add a new species to the MAPA database. When you have done this, click Insert & Exit and you will be returned to the previous screen. You will now be able to search for your new species and link it to your project.



Please complete this screen carefully, ensuring that the common and scientific names are spelled correctly. Please check the [IUCN red list](#) for the correct species status.

LINK to more Information:

If possible you should add a weblink where the user can learn more about this species. This can be any page on the internet but we strive to use only the best sources and this link might be moderated.

There are two fields which can be used for links to this species. We recommend that you first search for this species at [ARKive.org](#). If the species is not on the ARKive database then you can enter a different URL in the field marked 'Other URL:'. This link could be to your own website or any other. We recommend that you search [the IUCN's Red List](#) web site.

If you cannot find a suitable weblink to link to, the new species will still be listed in your record

Add a picture:

If you are adding a species from the ARKive database, you can upload one of their photographs. You may *only* use the ARKive photos in this context (i.e. nowhere else in your bubble).

Alternatively, feel free to upload your own photograph.



To Add a Blog

Blogs all have their own place markers on Google Earth, but they can also be linked to your research project bubble.

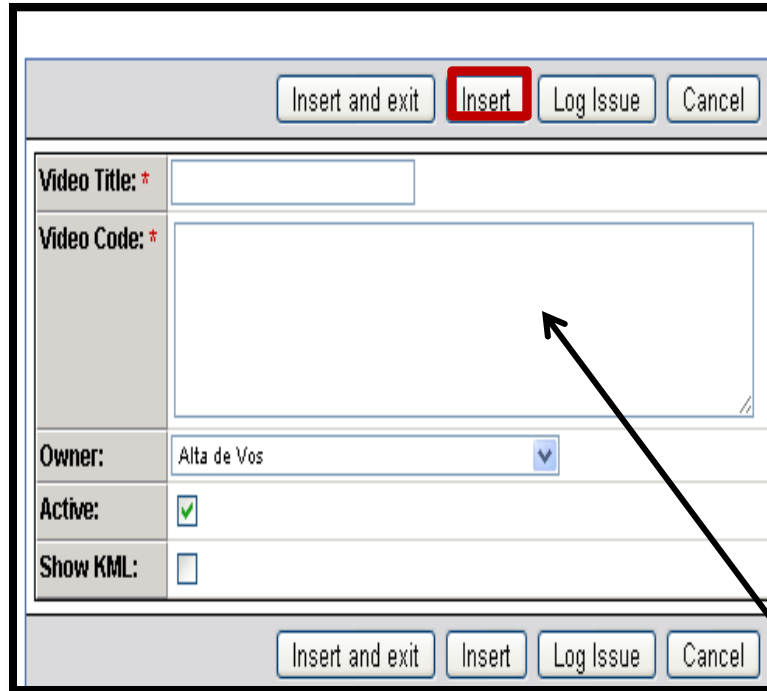
To add a blog, enter a Blog title, position (mandatory), a picture for your blog “front page”, and the link and RSS feed to your blog.

You can usually get the RSS feed for your project by clicking on the RSS feed icon (below) and paste that address in, and your latest blog feeds will show in your Google Earth bubble.



To Add a YouTube Video

On this page you can link YouTube videos to your record. When a user opens your bubble in Google Earth these videos will appear on the Media tab. You can search our database for videos that might be relevant to your record or you can add new videos by clicking the Add Video button below.



Insert and exit **Insert** Log Issue Cancel

Video Title: *

Video Code: *

Owner: Alta de Vos

Active:

Show KML:

Insert and exit Insert Log Issue Cancel

To add a new video, go to www.youtube.com and select the video that you would like to add to your project.

Copy and paste the “embed code” and Video title into the input screen fields, and click “insert”



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmQ40BuH4nc

YouTube

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The MAPA layer on Google Earth

How to get it, how to use it and what's on it.

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MarchTurnbull — March 29, 2010 — Introduction to the MAPA Project's layer on Google Earth. The project is dedicated to making Africa's protecte... 54 views

Like Comment Save to Share **<Embed>**

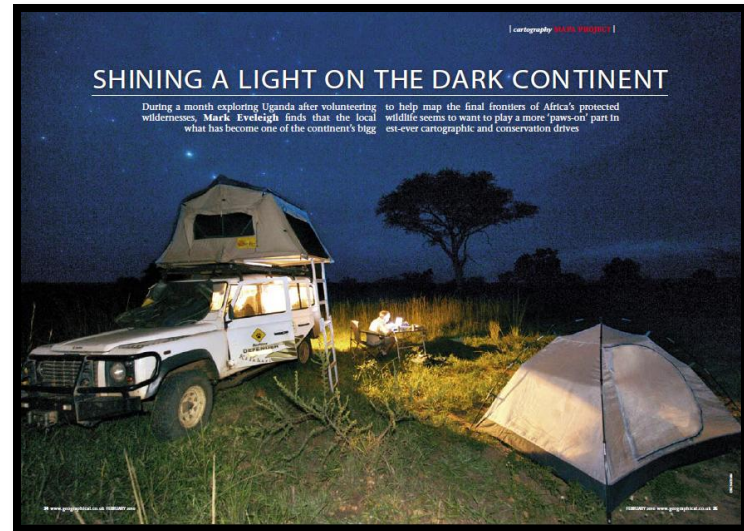
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To Add an article

You can add any popular or academic article that's hosted online.

Just fill in the Title, select whether you're linking to a popular or academic article, fill in the name of the publication and enter the link to your publication.

You also have the option of uploading a picture as the thumbnail for your publication.



Insert Articles

Insert and exit Insert Log Issue Cancel

Title: *	<input type="text"/>
Type: *	Popular Press Article ▼
Current Pic	<i>none</i>
Pic:	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> No file chosen
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