



Guiding Experience: *Map has been a professional guide since 1983.*

Regional Knowledge & Expertise: *The Okavango Delta and Kgalagadi, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi.*

Ideal for Accompanying: *multi-generational family travel, couples, solo travellers, small groups, journalists, photographers.*

Areas of Special Interest: *Rhino conservation, geology, hydrology, geomorphology and animal movements. Plants & the adaptation of plants, birdlife.*

Qualifications:

- *Map began his wildlife career in 1976 when he joined the Zimbabwe National Parks Department as a field ranger.*
- *His early projects took him to Darwendale where he helped establish a protected area for birds around a newly formed lake and Chizarira National Park in the Zambezi escarpment where he conducted lengthy foot patrols to ward off poachers and record data on black rhino populations.*
- *In 1979, he moved to South Africa and became one of the pioneers of the country's private safari industry at Londolozi Private Reserve in Mpumalanga working as a professional guide.*
- *In 1982 he returned to Botswana where he led walking safaris based out of mokoro into the remotest parts of the Delta.*
- *Map spent a great deal of time exploring the relatively unknown Okavango Delta, living on islands while gathering plants for identification.*
- *He became involved in the Botswana Rhino Project in which he played a leading role.*
- *Map has served as Botswana's National Rhino Coordinator and as Director of the Rhino Conservation Botswana Trust and is still working as a consultant to various projects involving rhinoceros in Botswana.*

Languages: *English, Setswana.*

Currently Lives: *Matlaphaneng in the Okavango Delta.*

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“This world and all life is so completely intertwined, I regard vegetative plants as being the basis for all life on Earth. I also regard the complexity of adaptation in plants and animals to be of primary importance when trying to understand their success in survival on this planet.”

OPERATES IN BOTSWANA & PARTS OF AFRICA

Driven by a curiosity about the natural world, Map began his wildlife career in 1974 when he joined the Zimbabwe National Parks Department as a field ranger working alongside some of the true legends of wildlife management and conservation. Returning to Botswana in 1983 he discovered the Okavango Delta and began a lifetime of study and guiding as he combined his natural enthusiasm for natural science with an understanding of the deep links between mankind and all living things.

Map has been a licensed Professional Wildlife Guide and conservationist in Botswana for the last forty years. He has organized and led safaris into the wildest parts of the northern Botswana wilderness, including the Chobe National Park, the Central Kalahari, the Linyanti system and his special interest, the great Okavango Delta where his knowledge of the geology, hydrology, geomorphology, and animal movements, have earned him a reputation as one of the very best guides in the region. His passion for this precious area led him to become involved in the Botswana Rhino Project in which he played a leading role. He has served as Botswana's National Rhino Coordinator and as Director of the Rhino Conservation Botswana Trust and is still working as a consultant to various rhino projects in Botswana.

Map is acknowledged as a leading expert on the Okavango Delta, its various components and wildlife populations, and has also established himself as spokesman for the protection of this unique wetland of international importance. He is passionate about conservation and the linkages between the tourism economy and the protection of wild landscapes in Africa whilst also exploring the importance of humanities well-being and the environment.

