



# MURRAY MCCALLUM

“ I love witnessing the beauty and complexity of wild places with my guests, and imparting the importance of protecting them. ”

**Guiding Experience:** Murray currently guides the Natural Selection Conservation Safari and has previously guided fly fishing trips in the Okavango Delta. He has been a lifelong naturalist but has predominantly worked as an environmental consultant.

**Regional Knowledge & Expertise:** Projects supported by Natural Selection across Botswana, Namibia and South Africa.

**Ideal for Accompanying:** Adventurous families, small groups or individuals whether intrepid, unadventurous or in between.

**Areas of Special Interest:** Conservation and community upliftment, wildlife, birding, bee keeping, fly fishing and family safaris.

#### Qualifications:

- Guides the Natural Selection Conservation Safari and has in-depth knowledge of the projects that Natural Selection support, and the importance of these projects in the face of pressures such as human-wildlife-conflict.
- Murray is Sustainability Advisor for Natural Selection and provides conservation and community support for the Natural Selection Trust and Foundation. He also assists with Corporate Social Responsibility at Natural Selection.

**Languages:** English and Afrikaans.

**Currently Lives:** Cape Town, South Africa.

## OPERATES ANYWHERE IN BOTSWANA

Growing up in the Western Cape of South Africa, Murray's fascination with nature began early and led to a long-standing interest in the interplay between environmental matters, community and conservation.

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Formal education includes an honours in Environmental Science and undergraduate in Environmental Science and Anthropology. His thesis focused on community resource management and the pressures of poaching and impoverishment.

Murray previously managed lodges in Botswana and Zambia, and kayaked 300km across the Savuti Channel and Selinda Spillway with Track of Giants to bring attention to Elephant Conservation corridors and the importance of trans frontier park conservation. Murray is an avid birder and keen fly fisherman. As a father of two young boys, he also really enjoys the company of children and their exuberance and curiosity when on safari.