

# **CONSERVATION SCRIPT**

1. Good day children, my name is XXX, and today I am going to be teaching you about conservation and why it is so important
2. Conservation is the “preservation of our natural environment for the future” preserving means “Looking after” or “Care for” or “Protect”
3. Long ago people lived in harmony with nature, they knew how to live off the land and they got everything they need to live from the environment
  - Plants provided fruit and vegetables
  - They hunted animals for food and used their skins for clothes (?)
  - Rains and rivers provided water for drinking and washing

But then people got more advanced, they started using machines and living in cities and slowly people forgot how to live off nature. They bought their food and clothes from shops, parents no longer taught their children the lessons of the land, the land stopped providing for our needs and so we stopped looking after nature.
4. But people have realised that we cannot live without an Earth. We need clean air and water to live. We need to go back and learn from nature how to live SUSTAINABLE lives. Sustainable means “can be continued with no long-term effect on the environment” We must not destroy the environment – we must protect it!
5. Learning and understanding about plants and animals helps us in many ways. When we know where plants like to grow and what they need to make them grow better it allows us to grow healthier plants for us to eat.
6. Plants can help us;
  - They give us food, fruit and vegetables
  - They give us muthi, many leaves and barks are used in traditional medicines
  - They give us shade and
  - They give our animals food
7. People can learn a lot from watching animals because the animals live in the bush and know the secrets of the bush, they know how to survive
  - Watching monkeys can show us which fruit and leaves are safe to eat and not poisonous,
  - The animals know when the rains are coming and where to find water when it is very dry
8. Conservation means looking after the natural bush and wild animals, it brings lots of good things to the community
  - Training and jobs for people, cooking building and game rangers
9. When we have protected bush and animals that are beautiful to look at people come from all over the world to come and see them. They want to see the wild animals living free in the bush and they buy locally made crafts and curious to take home to show their families. So conservation brings people to an area and they will buy from the local community.

10. But if we do not look after the earth this is what we will be left with; dead forests, dry rivers. This land does not grow things, it is dead, it is destroyed.
11. If we use it all up and don't protect the land, eventually it will all be finished, there will be nothing left for anyone. Our animals will starve and die and we won't be able to grow any crops. People won't come to see land when it has been destroyed and looks like this.
12. So that is why it is so important to look after the land and the animals. They can teach us many things. They feed us and our animals.
13. They are our future and if we learn to protect them and understand why they are so important it will help us to protect the Earth. And then there is something for our children when they grow up. We also need to teach others and our children the lessons we have learnt so they can continue to protect the Earth and the animals.