SUPPORTING PANGOLIN CONSERVATION THROUGH A STUNNING COFFEE TABLE BOOK

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Pangolins are the most mystical and bewitching creatures. Being the only mammals covered in hard keratinous overlapping scales, these rare animals have only been sighted in their natural habitat by the very fortunate few – often a fleeting glimpse at dawn or dusk, but nevertheless a sighting and an experience of a lifetime. Being shy, predominantly nocturnal, solitary, territorial and quiet, they are one of the very rarest sightings anyone can have.

However, the pangolin faces many threats and is the world’s most trafficked mammal. It’s vulnerable to extinction due to soaring demand for its scales and meat. There are many people and organisations out there who are trying to protect the pangolin from extinction, such as the African Pangolin Working Group (APWG), whose mission it is to strive towards the conservation and protection of all four African pangolin species by generating knowledge, developing partnerships and creating public awareness and education initiatives.
To help support the African Pangolin Working Group (and pangolin conservation in general), an upmarket, coffee table book, *Pangolin*, is being put together with the help of some of the world’s top pangolin photographers, who donated their beautiful pangolin images.
This beautifully illustrated book, with the most stunning images capturing Africa’s pangolins in a moment in time, will be an inspirational reflection on the beauty of these rare and mysterious creatures. Talented photographers have donated their images of pangolins, to help us with this special project.

The book will showcase the beauty as well as the plight of the African pangolin species and, in so doing, will create a greater awareness of these little-known and understudied animals.
Working in conjunction with the African Pangolin Working Group, the book will be published and distributed by Phoenix Design – a Sappi gold medal award winner for print – with 25 years in the publishing industry.

The book is due to be available on World Pangolin Day – 16th February 2019. It will be approximately 220mm x 240mm and will consist of 120 pages, all printed and finished to the highest possible standard. The first print run will be 500 books, which will be printed to order and then distributed worldwide.
All nett proceeds raised from the sale of this book, after the fixed costs are paid, will go to the African Pangolin Working Group, and will be used directly in projects associated with the treatment and rehabilitation of pangolins retrieved out of the illegal wildlife trade. The nett profits will be audited by the African Pangolin Working Group, who are the sole beneficiaries of the proceeds of this book. In order for publishing to begin, 500 books must be sold.
For a closer look at this initiative please visit www.pangolins.co.za or our Instagram account @pangolins.co.za.

You can place your book order online here: https://www.thundafund.com/project/pangolin.

Everybody wants to do something but we usually don’t know what we can do to help. Well, here is your chance. We aim to raise some money for the African Pangolin Working Group and at the same time provide people with a collectable and visually appealing coffee table book.
ABOUT THE AFRICAN PANGOLIN WORKING GROUP

The African Pangolin Working Group (APWG) is a non-profit organisation committed to the conservation and preservation of Africa’s four pangolin species and the habitat they occupy. The organisation is focused on a range of activities throughout Africa, including: the launching of new scientific studies on pangolin natural history; genetics; parasitology; ecology and the use of pangolin derivatives in traditional cultural practices.

In addition, there is work being done with law enforcement to assist in the retrieval of pangolin from the illegal wildlife trade and to present courses to magistrates, prosecutors and police on the gazetted legal procedures for handling pangolins.

A large focus of this organisation is the hospitalisation, rehabilitation, and final release of those pangolins fortunate enough to survive the trade. The African Pangolin Working Group further provides presentations to the public in order to raise awareness about the most poached and traded group of mammals in the world.

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Our Photographer of the Year 2019 competition, brought to you by Airlink, with a stunning prize provided by Klaserie Drift Safari Camps, is now open for submissions! Only two weeks have gone by since entries opened and already we are receiving a fantastic collection of photos.

The competition runs from December through to the end of April 2019, and there is a great prize up for grabs! The overall winner, first runner-up, and second runner-up (along with their partners), will experience the ultimate private safari at Amani Safari Camp and the soon-to-be-launched Misava Safari Camp, located in the heart of the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve, part of the Greater Kruger National Park in South Africa.
A 5-month-old leopard cub waits for his mother in Londolozi Private Game Reserve, South Africa © Anthony Goldman
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"New life" – a topi gives birth in Maasai Mara National Reserve, Kenya © Ayala Fishaimer
A crocodile attempts to catch a zebra in Maasai Mara National Reserve, Kenya © Manuel Graf
A lion cub waits for the return of his mother in the high and golden grass of the Serengeti National Park, Tanzania

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