



## ONGAVA RESEARCH CENTRE VISITOR HUB

### OPENING March 2019

Centre open all year round.

Opens during Breakfast hours. Closes after dinner.

### VISITING CHARGE

The Ongava Research Centre (ORC) Visitor Hub is exclusively available to all Ongava resident guests and is inclusive in the rate for both FI and DBB basis.

### LOCATION

The 30-000 hectare private Ongava Game Reserve is situated in northern Namibia along the southern boundary of the Etosha National Park, south of Okaukuejo with Ombika Gate being the closest access to Etosha. ORC is at the same site as the Andersson's At Ongava lodge, with walking distance access from the main area.

### ACCESS

Andersson's at Ongava guests have free access.

**Self-Drive Basis:** Guests with their own vehicle can access ORC by road from Little Ongava, Ongava Lodge and Ongava Tented Camp. Your camp manager will provide information on best timing to visit the ORC Visitor Hub and assist with arranging scheduling.

**Guided Basis:** As an activity which is shared and pre-scheduled, the guide will drive the guests to the ORC Visitor Hub at best timing.

Guests with a Private Vehicle Guide have the flexibility to arrange a visit with their guide to fit best timing.

### Ongava Research Centre Coordinates:

19.20.37.0S Latitude

15.53.55.7E Longitude

### CHILD POLICY

- All ages of children are welcome.
- The guide and manager may at their discretion decide and assign on restrictions for children.

### About ONGAVA RESEARCH CENTRE\*

Renowned for its biodiversity, Ongava Game Reserve boasts an incredible variety of fauna and flora, including successful breeding populations of both black (*Diceros bicornis bicornis*) and white (*Ceratotherium simum simum*) rhinoceros; and one of the largest and



most important breeding populations of rare black-faced impala (*Aepyceros melampus petersi*) outside Etosha.

With many 1000's of animals to study (including almost 100 different mammal species plus a diverse range of birds and reptiles) it also provides the perfect 'living laboratory' for some serious wildlife research!

ORC is a privately funded facility devoted to the scientific study of all parts of the ecosystem at Ongava and exists for us to learn more about the endangered species and the fragile environment in which they live.

ORC's ongoing rhino DNA study is a particularly successful science programme that contributes to the well-being of the species. There are many more ways in which ORC utilises science and technology to help preserve Ongava's ecology.

Through improving our understanding of nature, smarter decision-making enables us to contribute to maintaining Namibia's precious natural heritage for future generations.

Conducting research and applying science has been ORC's mandate since 2003. The next phase of Ongava's commitment to the study of the natural world is based at the purpose-built ORC campus including accommodations for resident and visiting scientists and researchers, along with the laboratories, offices and related resources that support their mission.

The new campus provides an innovative opportunity for Ongava's Guests to explore deeper and further in the fields of conservation and sustainability, at times contributing to human knowledge through citizen science, and for ORC to strengthen and broaden its research mandate.

Opportunities to interface with the science and research will chiefly take place at the ORC Visitor Hub, where at their leisure, guests are encouraged to meander through the self-guided exhibition area. Exhibits based on themes such as Biodiversity, Sustainability, Origins, Evolution and Futures are selected for their significance to conservation and for enhancing our knowledge of the natural world. The adjacent 36-seat auditorium is designed for interactive presentations and discussions.

Through engaging with ORC's resident and visiting researchers and scientists, guests will have unprecedented access to, and insight of, the burning environmental issues of our time, including formal presentations with Q & A sessions.

### **Private Events at ONGAVA RESEARCH CENTRE**

Please enquire about using the ORC Visitor Hub facilities for hosting events, workshops, and meetings related to science and conservation.



### **Ongava Game Reserve**

On the southern boundary of Etosha National Park and forming a buffer to the Park lies Ongava Game Reserve, a 30 000-hectare (74 129-acre) private reserve. It is a haven to large concentrations of wildlife: notably lion, wildebeest, springbok, gemsbok, Hartmann's mountain zebra, red hartebeest, giraffe, eland and the largest population of the endemic black-faced impala outside of Etosha. The Reserve is also known for the successful reintroduction of white and black rhino. Ongava also provides easy access to the prime game viewing areas of central Etosha, Namibia's flagship national park.

\* Ongava reserves the right to make amendments without prior notice