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Girl children visit the Kruger National Park

More than 50 schoolgirls from neighbouring communities visited the Kruger National Park as part of the "Take a girl child to work project" today (Thursday, May 8, 2003).

This project, a nationwide initiative, has seen schoolgirls from right across the country visiting the workplace and finding out all there is to know about different careers and how they can enter the South African job-market.

During their visit to the Kruger National Park, the girls were taken through various careers offered in the Park, from camp management, housekeeping and finance to game ranging, scientific research and environmental management.

They were given talks by various SANParks senior officials, and learnt all about how a national park like Kruger and a camp like Skukuza are run.

A definite highlight of the trip was a brief flight in one of the SANParks aircraft, a trip into the exciting world of a game ranger and a brief look at the reference section, where they were shown all sorts of interesting specimens from both the plant and animal kingdoms.

They were also taken for a tour of the world-famous Stevenson-Hamilton Library and shown around the different artefacts on display at this historical facility.

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Caption:

Conservation workers: Kruger National Park hosted 50 schoolgirls for the "Take a girl child to work" project.

Here Nhlanhla Ndlovu from Mandondo Secondary School in Belfast (left) and Elana van Wyk from Sybrand van Niekerk High School in Sabie (right) get to know KNP social ecologist and project co-ordinator Solly Themba (centre).

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