

# Hippo-Hippo Hurray!

Today we celebrate the incredible story of the **Wechiau Community Hippo Sanctuary**. This beautiful place creates protected space for wildlife while supporting local communities. The sanctuary is a 40 km stretch of the Black Volta river in Ghana's Upper West region and is home to one of the last remaining hippo populations in Ghana.



This place is special to the Calgary Zoo, and we have supported this community conservation project since 1998.

We strive to collaborate with our partners to conserve hippos and their habitats and support the local economy through community conservation.

The Wechiau Community Hippo sanctuary supports the local economy through eco-tourism and an organic shea butter cooperative that employs over 1500 women!

**What is your favourite place, and why do you love it?**

We invite you to share it with us to celebrate all of these special places on our planet.

**Share a photo, write a poem or story, or draw us a picture!**

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Wechiau Hippo Sanctuary houses more than hippos! Over 250 species of bird, many primates, bats, reptiles and others call this incredible ecosystem home.