

Sharjah safari, Education Department, Public Education

World Lemur Day 2022



شعار البرنامج: (إن وجد) : program logo

: location الموقع

Sharjah Safari, Lemur “Spiny Forest”, Indaba Hall (Safari Camp).

: time الفترة الزمنية

Last Friday of October, 9:00 – 15:30

: organizers المنظمين

Education Department, Sofiiia Pyshnieva (team-lead), team of selected Senior & Public guides.

:Collaborators and participants المتعاونين و المشاركين

Animal Department, Communication Department

: : Target group الفئة المستهدفة

10 y.o. – 60+ y.o. wide range of visitors, both Gulf nationalities & foreigners.

:Program details نبذة مفصلة عن البرنامج

The World Lemur Festival is an annual celebration of lemurs and Madagascar’s biodiversity. World Lemur Day is celebrated on the last Friday of October. The World Lemur Festival is organized through virtual and in-person events in the days and weeks surrounding World Lemur Day, both in Madagascar and around the world. Therefore, Sharjah safari will join the global event movement initiated by Lemur Conservation Foundation <https://www.lemurreserve.org/world-lemur-festival/featured-activities/#1634161814630-fd5c63b2-2f84> –

The event at Sharjah safari will consist out of 2 activities:

1. MOVIE THEATHER in Indaba Hall. Selected movies about the Madagascar ecology. <https://artsandculture.google.com/story/xwWRX-1GrZCmlA>
2. TOUCH TABLE ACTIVITIES in Spiny Forest.
 - A - Making the enrichment (toys) for lemurs in collaboration with animal keepers.
 - B - Behavior observation in cooperation with the Research team.
 - C - Making colorful masks for young visitors together with environmental educators.

:Program objective الهدف من البرنامج

1. Raise awareness among visitors about the unique Madagascar biodiversity, the role of lemurs in nature and human society, and promote the conservation of lemurs in the wild nature.
2. Show 5 movies about Madagascar and its biodiversity, and invite more than 200 visitors to watch movies.
3. Create 20 enrichment items for lemurs, with more than 100 people involved in designing those items. Engage at least 30 people in research activity focused on animal behavior.
4. Join the global celebration and educational campaign dedicated to World Lemur Day, and promote Sharjah safari conservation values on a local and international level.
5. Gave the opportunity to the safari guides to organize a public education event to boost their competencies and skills.

: Program schedule جدول البرنامج

8:30 – preparation of the locations, bringing the touch table, tables, chairs, materials, organizing space & materials.

9:00 – Start of the event at Spiny Forest location.

10:30 – Start of the Movie Theater at Indabba Hall

15:00 – last session with painting at Spiny Forest

15:30 – Finish of the event. Packing and cleaning the location at Spiny Forest.

16:00 – Finish of the Movie Theater.

Appendix 1. Detailed description of activities on World Lemur Day.



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- 1) **Design & creation of enrichment items for lemurs.** *Enrichment* – is an item which provide physical or mental stimulation to the animal. It is an essential practice to provide an animal with engaging activity during the day to diversify the experience and stimulate natural behavior.

Idea is to offer visitors to create paper flowers for lemurs, where keepers later will put food. In addition, visitors can paint and decorate paper tubes from paper towels. Visitors can put slogans and phrases on boxes like “Save the Lemur”, “Sharjah safari”, “World Lemur Day”. Visitor can paint boxes and bottles in different colors, decorate them with ropes, and natural materials. Next day all the enrichment will be placed to lemurs enclosures, and animals will be interacting with it. Interaction will be recorded and then we can publish it on social media, so visitors could see how lemurs enjoyed the game.

While visitors are designing their box, guides are telling the story about lemur conservation, put educational video on the iPad, screen, and discussing with visitors the Madagascar.

Materials needed:

- 1-2 tables and 10 chairs;
- Tubes from paper towels of different size;
- non-toxic paint of different colors – white, yellow, orange, red, green, light blue, dark blue, pink, violet, black;
- natural cord/ropes 50m;
- Ribbons of different colours (thin and wide)
- thick permanent markers (black, red, green);
- re-used bottles, cups to use for cleaning brushes.

2) Behavior observation in cooperation with research team

Activity will take 15 minutes. So only those who agreed to join the scientific research will do it. So the young research will go together with the researcher to the Lemur Walk-through exhibition and will do the monitoring of behavior (ethogram)

ETHOGRAM TEMPLATE

Date: _____

Scientific Name: _____

Common Name: _____

Individual (distinguishing features):

Materials needed:

- Timer (can be phone)
- Prepared in advanced Monitoring Form
- Pens, pencils
- Binoculars
- Badge “YOUNG RESEARCHER” // “LEMUR EXPERT”

TIME (min.)									
0-1									
1-2									
2-3									
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7-8									
8-9									
9-10									

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IFhqeChPQw&ab_channel=FreshkillsPark

3) Creating masks “DO I LOOK LIKE A LEMUR?” and imitating sound of lemurs.

Materials needed:

- Templates of masks prepared in advanced (100 pieces)
- Glue PVA
- non-toxic paint of different colors – white, yellow, orange, red, green, light blue, dark blue, pink, violet, black;
- Wooden sticks (better to prepare in advanced the mask on the stick)
- Stapler
- iPad with Internet access