



Inside The Pride Course

Part of The Big 5 Series



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ABOUT THIS ON-DEMAND COURSE

The African lion (*Panthera leo*) is one of the world's most iconic predators, and one of its most threatened. Once roaming across Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Asia, lions are now confined to fragmented landscapes and face increasing pressure from habitat loss, prey depletion, human–lion conflict, and complex management challenges.

This on-demand course offers an in-depth, science-based exploration of lion evolution, social systems, ecological roles, and conservation realities across Africa. Delivered as a six-part on-demand video lesson series, the course draws on cutting-edge research, long-term field studies, and real-world conservation case studies from some of Africa's most important lion landscapes. Study anywhere, anytime, at your own pace – with lifetime access from the moment you enrol.



The course is presented by **Dr. Paul Funston**, a globally respected lion ecologist and conservation practitioner with over 30 years of field experience working across Africa.

Dr. Funston is widely recognised for his deep understanding of lion behaviour, social systems, and ecology, and for his ability to translate rigorous science into practical, real-world conservation outcomes. A former Senior Director of Panthera's Lion Program and Associate Professor, he has authored more than 70 peer-reviewed scientific papers, books, and technical reports that have helped shape modern understanding of lion sociality, territoriality, hunting behaviour, and the role of lions as apex predators and keystone species.

Through African Lion Conservation (Pty) Ltd, Dr. Funston now works across the continent advising on lion recovery, reintroductions, protected area management, and human–lion coexistence strategies. He has trained guides, students, and conservation professionals in more African countries than any other lion specialist, combining unparalleled field experience with strategic, landscape-scale conservation insight.

Designed to move beyond popular narratives, this course equips participants with the ecological understanding, critical thinking, and contextual depth needed to engage meaningfully with lion conservation, safari guiding, research, and advocacy.

ON-DEMAND ACCESS

This six-lesson on-demand course is presented by Dr. Paul Funston and offers an in-depth exploration of lion ecology, behaviour, and conservation. All six video lessons are available immediately upon enrolment – watch them at your own pace, replay any section as often as you need, and complete the course on a timeline that suits your life.

THE SYLLABUS OVERVIEW OF MODULES

This course is developed and presented by renowned lion ecologist Dr Paul Funston. Drawing on more than three decades of field research and conservation experience across Africa, the depth of knowledge and insight woven throughout the course reflects a lifetime dedicated to understanding and conserving lions.

THE LION PROJECT COURSE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING MODULES:

MODULE NAME		
Origins of the Lion: Evolution and Ecology of a Savanna Cat	The Life of Lions: Females and Cubs	The Secret Lives of Male Lions
Threats to Lions and Conservation Responses	Legal and Illegal Hunting of Lions: Hard Truths	Living with Lions: From Safari to Science

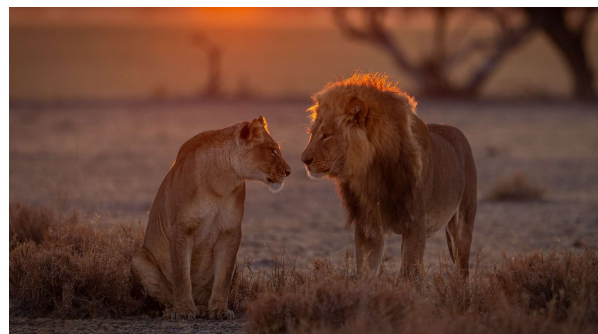
YOU COULD GRADUATE WITH

1. EcoTraining Certificate of Participation

PREREQUISITES

Entry level requirements:

- The learner needs to be able to communicate effectively in spoken and written English.
- Participants need to be older than 16 years.
- Access to a stable internet connection
- In possession of an electronic device (e.g., tablet, cell phone, laptop) to watch on-demand video lessons.



ON-DEMAND COURSE RATES

2026 rate per person : R 2, 500.00* (on-demand access)

2027 rate per person : TBC

**The fee for the on-demand course is not refundable.*

RATES INCLUDE:

- Six on-demand video lessons
- Downloadable knowledge summaries
- Knowledge-check quizzes for every lesson
- Lifetime access to all course materials
- PDF format of all lesson presentations

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BOOKING PROCESS

- Book directly online at www.ecotrainingonline.co.za
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