



Below you will find some information about the vocational Anti-Poaching training course we offer at Rangers Reserve:

### **TAC TRAC Level 1 APU Ranger 5 Week Training Program**

But first I'd like to take a moment to tell you about TAC TRAC. We are funded privately and by various NGO's who share our profound concern at the wanton destruction of our wildlife.

TAC TRAC's mission is to provide a superlative training platform for theory and practical courses as well as to create and equip APU's (Anti-Poaching Units) with relevant skills and appropriate equipment which will radically enhance their effectiveness in the field and their safety.

We are absolutely committed to becoming the premier training organisation in South Africa, and to offer training and education programmes to a standard by which all others will be measured. Our base of operations is at the 1385 hectare Rangers Reserve in Touwsrivier in the Klein Karoo desert of the Western Cape. The reserve has been designed from the ground up to replicate and prepare our graduates for hostile environments, and to provide unparalleled facilities (both indoor and outdoor). It is as beautiful as it is challenging.

**The Anti-Poaching Course** (five weeks) covers:

- **Firearms:** Training in: Practical Pistol, Carbine, Bolt Action Rifle, Pump Action Shotgun. From private to business level.
- **TAC TRAC Close Quarters Combat System:** Including: Knife/edged weapons, Firearms counters, Weapon Retention, Striking, Ground Fighting and Grappling.
- **Arrest & Restraint Protocols:** Including: Commands, physical control measures, handcuffs and zip ties.
- **Tracking:** Including Man and animal tracking, anti-tracking, spoor discipline, lost spoor procedures, tactical tracking formations.
- **Observation Post Protocols.** Selection, preparation & running of observation posts. Including intelligence gathering and methodology.
- **Vehicle Searching:** Including: Stopping and vehicle searching procedures, small team tactics, use of tactical lights at night, tactics working in multi-agency operations.
- **Crime Scene Protocols:** Including: Crime scene management, procedures and preservation of information.
- **Field craft:** Including: Reading terrain, camo & concealment
- **Survival craft:** Bush craft – including shelter building, water and food discipline and procurement, fire making, navigation by nature. Essential skills for living in the field for long extended periods. Instruction given in the classroom and in the field.

- **Dangerous Game Approaches:** How to work effectively and safely around the Big 5.
- **Physical Fitness Training:** A systematic fitness building programme.
- **First Aid** The fundamentals of First Aid with attention given to First Aid relevant to APUs.
- **PSIRA Security Grading:** Security Level E.

**Included in the course fee:**

- Transportation – on site and specified off site travel
- All training
- Accommodation
- Food
- All uniform for use during training (excluding boots, socks, underwear)
- Badge upon passing level 1
- Relevant equipment
- Ammunition
- Certification & Competencies

**CERTIFICATES OBTAINED ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION**

TacTrac Level I  
 First Aid  
 PSIRA (for national students)  
 Firearms Competencies  
 Big Game Approach

**KITLIST - What You Should Pack (please use your own discretion)**

- Changes of casual clothes
- 5 x pairs of underwear and comfortable socks – Thick hiking socks are recommended
- 1 x warm top and pair of pants
- 1 x T-shirt & pair of shorts
- 1 x jacket
- 1 set of PT Kit and running shoes
- Hiking/work boots (please ensure if you have really comfortable boots you can walk and stand in without fatigue. They are the ones to bring. Lightweight, breathable with good grip and well-walked in before the course).
- Sleeping bag and mat
- Bath towels x 1
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Non scented glycerine soap
- Zip Lock bags x 5 ( medium / large)
- Binoculars – Optional
- Sunscreen
- Relative supply of any personal medication as required
- Torch
- 2 x 1L water bottle (see photo below)
- Large back pack (You will be living out of the backpack in the bush for 2 weeks (60 L, Neutral colour – see photo below as an example)
- Bush/survival knife
- Small camping pots x 2 (Army dixies are recommended – see photo below)
- Knife, fork and spoon

- Tin cup
- Personal cash (min R500 for use for personal snacks, food, etc when transferring between locations, or other emergency)
- Tarp (small) (You will be using a tarp instead of a tent in the bush)
- Rope (Paracord, 20 m)
- Note pad and pens

Please ensure that you have sufficient travel/medical/health cover insurance. Uniforms and bush hats are provided.

**Commencement, arrival and departure dates:**

You will be sent up to date paperwork when you enquire with us so you can plan your trip.

I hope this information has been useful. Should you require further information, please contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

Tac Trac and Global Guardians Volunteering



**Tarp**



**Large Back Pack**



**Army Dixies**



**Water Bottle**