



Wild Coast Gap Year / 3- Month Volunteer Programme

CORE FOCUS		LEARNING OUTCOMES & ACTIVITIES
Month 1	Orientation & Foundations	Theme: Learning the Coast, the Community, and the Supply Chain
Week 1. Induction & Orientation	Introduction to Wild Coast Gap Year values, safety, and routines. Coastal geography walkabout, introduction to small-scale fisheries. Workshop:	Understand programme structure, ethics, and community protocols. Meet local divers & fishers. Basic admin training (weighing, receipting, payments).
Week 2. Phumalali Seafoods — Supply & Transport	Fieldwork: lobster collection with small-scale fishers. Loading, handling & transport using quad bikes / pick-up vehicles. Training: catch traceability &	Gain practical skills in safe marine product handling. Understand supply logistics and compliance with fisheries permits.
Week 3. Campus Life & Food Systems	Vegetable gardening, chicken care, beekeeping, shared cooking & meal planning.	Learn sustainable food production, nutrition, and teamwork.
Week 4. Personal Growth & Adventure	Online course of choice, adventure weekend: hiking & Wild Coast trail, reflection journal.	Develop self-awareness, leadership skills, and earn a micro-credential.
Month 2	Skills & Community Engagement	Theme: Working Hands, Growing Skills, Building Networks
Week 5. Phumalali Seafoods — Processing & Packaging	Training at processing facility (grading, freezing, packing). Workshop: food safety & export documentation.	Learn end-to-end value chain of lobster processing. Gain hygiene awareness.
Week 6. Campus Maintenance & Systems	Pool care, maintenance, gardening, poultry routines, compost systems.	Acquire upkeep & repair experience. Understand campus sustainability.
Week 7. Community Wi-Fi Network (Part 1)	Building & installing Wi-Fi masts, solar setup, site surveys.	Understand basic ICT & solar principles. Engage with local youth.
Week 8. Mini Break 1 — Wild Coast Explorer Weekend	Adventure trip to Coffee Bay / Port St Johns, surfing & cultural visits.	Cultural immersion, rest, and travel confidence.
Month 3	Integration, Leadership & Impact	Theme: Applying Skills & Leading by Example
Week 9. Phumalali Seafoods — Administration & Entrepreneurship	Fishers' payments, finance workshop, enterprise planning.	Manage admin, finance & logistics. Learn entrepreneurial thinking.
Week 10. Community Wi-Fi Network (Part 2)	Distribute Wi-Fi cards, monitor usage, host digital skills workshops.	Experience digital inclusion & evaluate social outcomes.
Week 11. Reflection & Future Pathways	Compile portfolio, group presentations, career workshop.	Build a record of learning. Translate experience to career goals.
Week 12. Mini Break 2 & Closing Week	Backpacker trip & final ceremony.	Celebrate achievements & strengthen alumni network.