



Every three years **FIMCAP** the federation of catholic parochial youth movements, organizes a **World Camp.**

After eight successful editions, in 2022 FIMCAP will organize the ninth edition of the World Camp in cooperation with **Chiro Botswana.**

The World Camp is an encounter for young people. Participants are **youth leaders** between 20 and 30 years old. The host organization is asked to involve their local youth groups.

Through working in **local projects** and living in hosting families, participants will experience the reality of daily life in Botswana, and especially the situation of the young people there.

Participants will present their own culture and **get to know the cultures** of the other participants. Activities like songs, dances, games and liturgy will be organized as a process of cross-cultural experiences.

The World Camp gives us the concrete opportunity to **show and live in solidarity.** Participants will be involved in different projects and will develop their creative talents in supporting the local community.

WHEN?

Arrival day: **Friday**
15th July 2022

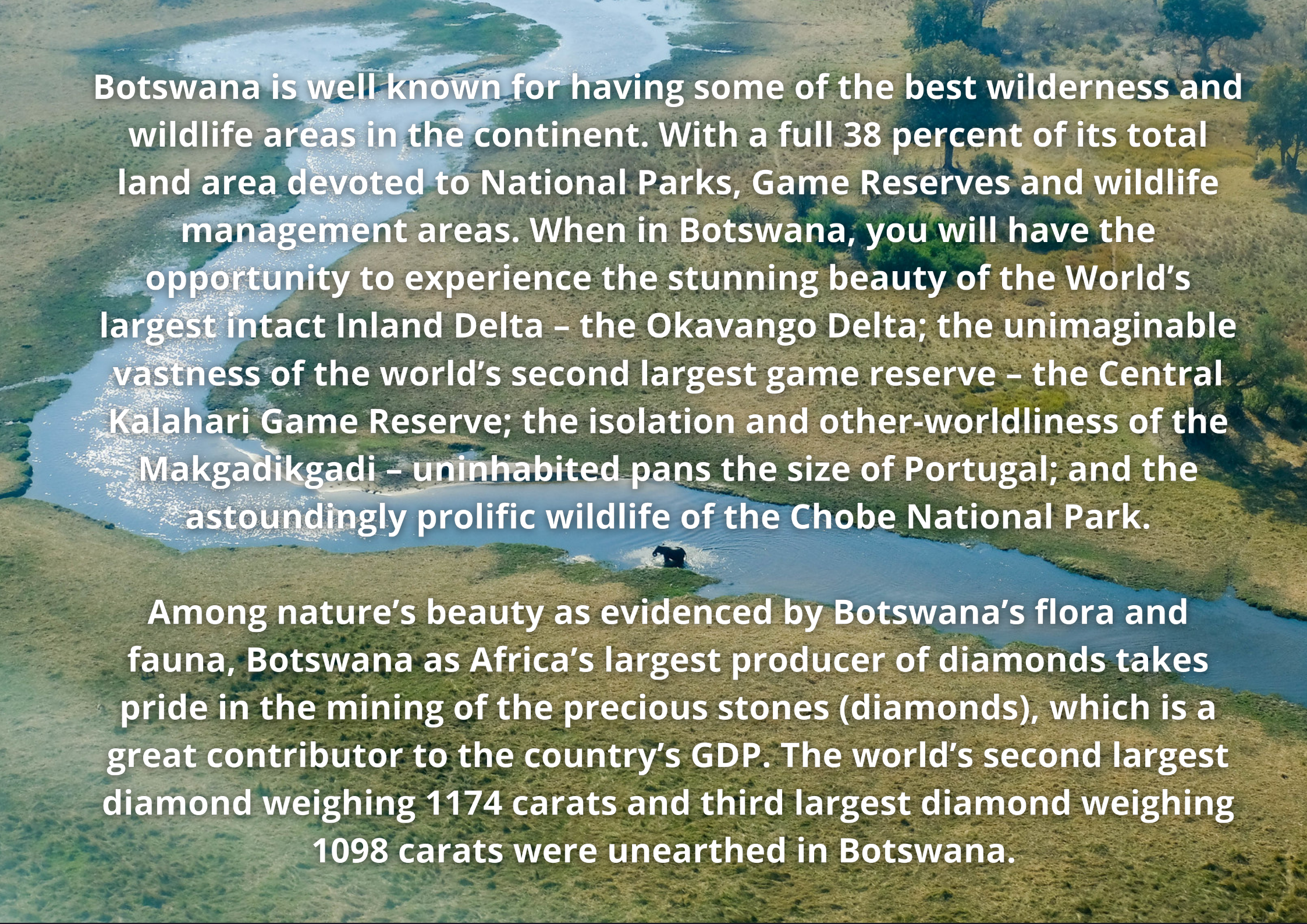
Departure day: **Thursday**
4th August 2022

Botswana, formerly known as the British protectorate of Bechuanaland, is a sub-Saharan country located in Southern Africa. Botswana gained her independence on the 30th September 1966. Bordered by four countries, South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia, Botswana is a landlocked country in the middle of Southern Africa with a population of 2,360,770 as of March, 2019, based on the latest United Nations estimates and its population is equivalent to 0.03% of the total world population.

70 percent of the citizens are Christian. Most of these are Anglicans, Methodists, and the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa. The Catholic Church is relatively still small with an equivalent population of less than 10% of the Christian Population.

In addition to being the name of the local language, Setswana also describes Botswana's culture and forms the major spoken language.



An aerial photograph of a river winding through a savanna landscape. The river is a light blue color, contrasting with the green and brown grass. A zebra is visible in the water, partially submerged. The surrounding land is covered in low-lying vegetation and scattered trees.

Botswana is well known for having some of the best wilderness and wildlife areas in the continent. With a full 38 percent of its total land area devoted to National Parks, Game Reserves and wildlife management areas. When in Botswana, you will have the opportunity to experience the stunning beauty of the World's largest intact Inland Delta – the Okavango Delta; the unimaginable vastness of the world's second largest game reserve – the Central Kalahari Game Reserve; the isolation and other-worldliness of the Makgadikgadi – uninhabited pans the size of Portugal; and the astoundingly prolific wildlife of the Chobe National Park.

Among nature's beauty as evidenced by Botswana's flora and fauna, Botswana as Africa's largest producer of diamonds takes pride in the mining of the precious stones (diamonds), which is a great contributor to the country's GDP. The world's second largest diamond weighing 1174 carats and third largest diamond weighing 1098 carats were unearthed in Botswana.



CHIRO BOTSWANA



The Chiro Youth Movement in Botswana known as “CHIRO BOTSWANA” is a youth organisation within the Catholic Church. Serving its mission of fostering good morals and a prayerful life among its members and living to its motto of “building the nation in the spirit of Christ”, Chiro Botswana has been and inspirational youth organization and continues to play a pivotal role in the lives of the young in Botswana.

Chiro Botswana was established in 1971 by the then Priest Fr Boniface Tshosa Setlalekgosi who was in 1981 elevated to the rank of Bishop. It was after 1979 that Chiro started spreading around the country. Fr Boniface had taken great interest in Chiro when he saw it in South Africa and believed it was a good youth movement that will inspire and grow the youth in the small population of Catholics in Botswana, by then, Chiro Botswana was under the auspice of the Pretoria Region who were affiliates of FIMCAP as Chiro Southern Africa.

It was 10 years later in 2019 that Chiro Botswana took a decision to affiliate as a stand-alone organization to FIMCAP in which its quest was successful. The youth movement is found in 42 villages across the 2 Dioceses of Gaborone and Francistown and enjoys a membership of about 2500+ members. It is Chiro Botswana's hope and belief that the movement will grow in the near future with an ultimate target of reaching 5000 members in the next 5 years.





THE VALUE OF PLAY

FIMCAP's member organisations put play in the centre of their activities. Play can be a purpose in itself, it can also be a way to transmit a message or help the children and youth to discover and learn.

Playing is also fun and imaginative. There are endless ways to express an idea through play. Leaders should be creative, innovative, able to improvise, and they need to explore all options available, not only while preparing but also during the game. An evaluation of the game can help to improve it. Playing must take the needs of the group and the individual players into account, and respect the personal boundaries of the players.

WOCA THEME

DIGITALLY CONNECTING YOUTH WORK GLOBALLY AND LOCALLY.

International exchange is an important tool to strengthen non-formal education. That's also the reason why we are connected in FIMCAP. Via regular exchanges with each other, we learn new ideas, tools and methodologies, and enrich our vision on youth work and playing.

IN SOCIETY

All over the world, time and space to play is becoming more and more limited. Reasons include privatisation and increased restriction of public space, city planning, less free time and technological changes. We'll challenge these issues and look for solutions.

PROJECTS

YOU WILL BE DIVIDED IN DIFFERENT PROJECTS SPREAD OUT IN BOTSWANA WHERE YOU WILL WORK TOGETHER IN SMALLER GROUPS ON A PROJECT SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

PARTICIPANTS



Age between 20 and 30 years

We request to join the World Camp vaccinated if you've got the chance to receive a COVID vaccine

Experience in local and/or regional youth work, training in youth work

Participants can only participate one time in a World Camp.

Knowledge of English, French or Spanish. The willingness to speak and learn other languages. The main language during the World Camp will be English and there will not always be somebody translating for you.

BEFORE WOCA

FIMCAP asks an active engagement for the full World Camp experience. To prepare yourself on World Camp, bring ideas from your local group, your youth organization and your community to the other participants to get them inspired.

8th of May we come together online with all the participants.

DURING WOCA

Be an optimist participant during the World Camp. Be open and flexibel in the challenges you will head on the World Camp. Think in chances we can achieve from your local group, your youth organization and your community.

AFTER WOCA

FIMCAP will organise a digital come-back moment between the 11th and 13th of November 2022. There we'll evaluate and pass on all our gained experiences and memories and stay connected.



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?



FIMCAP will reimburse the **full travel costs of two participants**

Tickets should be booked by the organisation itself. In case of travel cost reimbursement, a list with maximum reference prices will be provided. Open membership fees and debts will be deducted from the travel cost reimbursement.



Every organisation can choose which amount is reasonable to participate:

- **Standard amount: 250 €**
- **Solidarity amount: 300 or 350 €**

We give participants the opportunity to pay more as a solidarity contribution.

We encourage all member organisations to look for financial means to support their participants. Ask local/regional authorities, church institutions, companies and foundations for support. If required, FIMCAP can provide personal documents stating their participation.

INSCRIPTION DETAILS

Ask your **national organisation** for more information on subscribing for this amazing experience.

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