

Unit 6, Reading, exercise 3

Why don't you check out these awesome animal sanctuaries? Here are four of our favourite success stories of people opening amazing places to protect animals.

1 This sanctuary opened in 1992 and has now got more than 80 big cats. Some of these were pets before and others were from zoos or circuses. This place hopes it can raise awareness and stop more species from becoming extinct. If you're near the centre, why don't you try the feeding tour?

2 Pandas are cute but also in danger! According to WWF, in 2014, there were only 1,864 wild giant pandas, so this sanctuary hopes to return some of the pandas born there to their natural environment. At this centre, you can get close to the animals, but please don't make too much noise because the pandas get scared.

3 Spend a night at the Black Volta River and explore their protected area for hippos. There are just two groups of hippos left in Ghana and this is one of them.

On a day boat trip, perhaps you'll see one of the hippos sleeping in its real habitat!

4 For about 120 years, this island sanctuary was farmland with few plants or wildlife. Volunteers worked hard to make this home to more than 300 000 trees and some of the world's most endangered birds and reptiles, including the flightless takahē. Book early for the boat.