

Instructor



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Gloria has been involved with the AviAssist Foundation for a number of years. Her work for the Foundation has included wildlife strike prevention training in the region, lastly in Tanzania and Zambia in 2015 & 2016.

She presented on various AviAssist (supported) events in Lusaka, Entebbe and Kisumu. She was the lead advisor on the production of the Foundation's airport wildlife management cartoon for airport community engagement.



Rosanne Blijleven BSc. Is a wildlife manager at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol in the Netherlands. As a full time Habitat Management Specialist she is responsible for finding the balance between optimal use of airport resources,

safety of airport users and the presence of fauna at and around the airports of Amsterdam Airport and Rotterdam The Hague Airport. She is also responsible for compliance on this topic with regulations from the European Aviation Safety Agency. She is a member of the ICAO panel on airport wildlife management and a member of the taskforce on Wildlife Trafficking of the Airports Council International.

Your instructors will provide a fun learning environment to learn, understand and apply.

Course expectations & certificates

The AviAssist Foundation implements high quality training programs. The course design follows international standards as laid out by the International Civil Aviation Organization and leading regulators from across the world.

The Foundation will provide uniquely numbered certificates of completion to all students upon passing the course exam obtaining a grade of 70% or higher as well as 100% attendance.

Our certificates with their unique identifier provides proof for an employer or other institution that you and only you took and passed the course. At the back of the certificates, you'll find an overview of the topics covered for reference purposes.

About the ASPC-Rwanda

The ASPC is an initiative by the AviAssist Foundation to create East Africa's leading resource centre for safety promotion. It will support technical skills, address human factors and develop organizational & business skills for the current and next generations of aviation professionals.

The AviAssist Foundation is the only nonprofit organisation dedicated to providing impartial, independent, expert safety guidance and resources for the African aviation industry. We are fortunate to count quite a number of blue chip companies as our partners in our work in Africa since 1995.



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Training course

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Why this course?

The management of wildlife on and near airports is not usually an easy task. This management can be as diverse as habitat manipulation to use of predators to repelling wildlife to lethal control of wildlife. Airport wildlife hazards go well beyond birds and also include birds, mammals and reptiles.

This course teaches the knowledge, skills and tools needed to implement an effective airport wildlife management plan.



Numerous African airports are faced with airport wildlife management risks that need addressing. However, wildlife hazard training and exposure to wildlife risks are not always related. On top of that, air transport in the region is growing impressively. Training the staff that are at the front end of the wildlife hazards and in the best position to reduce wildlife risks is crucial.

The AviAssist Foundation has been engaged in support of airport wildlife management across the East & Southern African region since 2009. It brings best practices to within reach of African operators at very affordable prices. We realise those incredible rates by deploying practising professional volunteers and support from the airlines for their transport as important pillars of our independent, non-profit status.

The Foundation's programs inspire and support action on airport wildlife management by airport authorities and regulators from across the region.

This course will provide participants with a solid

appreciation and refresher of bird strikes & other wildlife management issues in relation to aviation. Understanding wildlife hazards will increase chances for the implementation of a stakeholder supported wildlife management plan.

Who should attend?

Intended participants include:

- Airport Wildlife Management staff
- Airport Fire Fighters
- Safety managers
- Aerodrome safety inspectors
- Airside management
- Airport (operational) staff
- Ministerial, district & city planning department staff
- Environment Management Agency staff
- Air Force Personnel
- Dispatchers, pilots & other airline operational staff



Course delivery methodology

The wildlife hazard management training will be delivered in a series of lectures, discussions and practical exercises. Field trips at the host airport will take place to identify and trial wildlife management techniques and undertake reporting exercises.

Course materials will be made available to participating organisations to support internal training capacity.

Course content

The course design follows international standards as laid out by the International Civil Aviation Organization and leading regulators from across the world.

The training will focus on:

Identifying

- hazardous species
- natural/ artificial attractants
- wildlife behaviour

Evaluating

- overall risk level of wildlife strikes
- efficacy of the airport's wildlife hazard mitigation program

Preventing future strikes through:

- operational & procedural changes
- habitat modifications
- customized harassment/ species removal

Course subjects will include:

- Introduction to wildlife strike costs & liabilities
- ICAO, international and national rules
- Airport & aircraft familiarization
- Airline & pilot perspective to wildlife management
- Wildlife and bird identification
- Data capture, analysis & reporting
- Wildlife risk assessment
- Wildlife hazard management programs
- Habitat management

