

## **Rebecca Klein - Where are you now?**

### **1. Which Raleigh expedition did you do?**

In 1997 I went to Malaysia with the Raleigh and the Millennium Commission. We stayed in Taman Negara, Sabah and Tasek Bera

### **2. What are you doing now and where are you living?**

I'm the Managing Director for Cheetah Conservation Botswana, an organisation set up in 2003 to address the need for urgent cheetah conservation in the region. CCB aims to preserve Botswana's cheetah population through scientific research, community outreach and education, working with the rural communities to promote coexistence with Botswana's rich diversity of predator species.



### **3. What impact did Raleigh have on your life?**

It had a significant impact. I learnt that I could be a good leader and I could handle a challenge! The expedition was often based in rainforest environments which are not the most physically comfortable, spiky plants, leeches and biting insects abound and open sky and sunlight is rarely seen. However, this group of young people managed to work together to get the required tasks completed. It teaches you to know your limits and to learn how to work as an effective team under often difficult circumstances. It was seriously character building! As well as the challenges we experienced the beauty of the rainforest, the local people, learnt about our own personal strengths and learnt how to get along with everyone and be productive. We learnt about ourselves, about each other, about the communities we were working with, about conservation of wildlife, habitats and cultures and overall we learnt that we had the ability to make the world a better place.

### **4. Please add any other comments or anecdotes below?**

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