

A Child's Life in The Gambia

The Ospreys spend six months of the year in West Africa. The Gambia is one country in West Africa where the ospreys remain from September to March, before migrating to the UK and northern Europe.

The pictures which follow have been taken by members of the Rutland Osprey team when they have been visiting The Gambia looking for ospreys. It has been a wonderful opportunity to forge links with the local schools in West Africa.

The pictures tell stories about what life is like for a typical Gambian child. Take a look at the pictures and use these to compare with your own life in the UK .What is different and what is the same?

Pictures 1 - 4

Taken on the beach at Tanji. The fishing boats are coming in laden with fish. The fish are piled into buckets and carried ashore, Fish often fall out of the buckets, the children run around picking these up, they are allowed to keep what they pick up.



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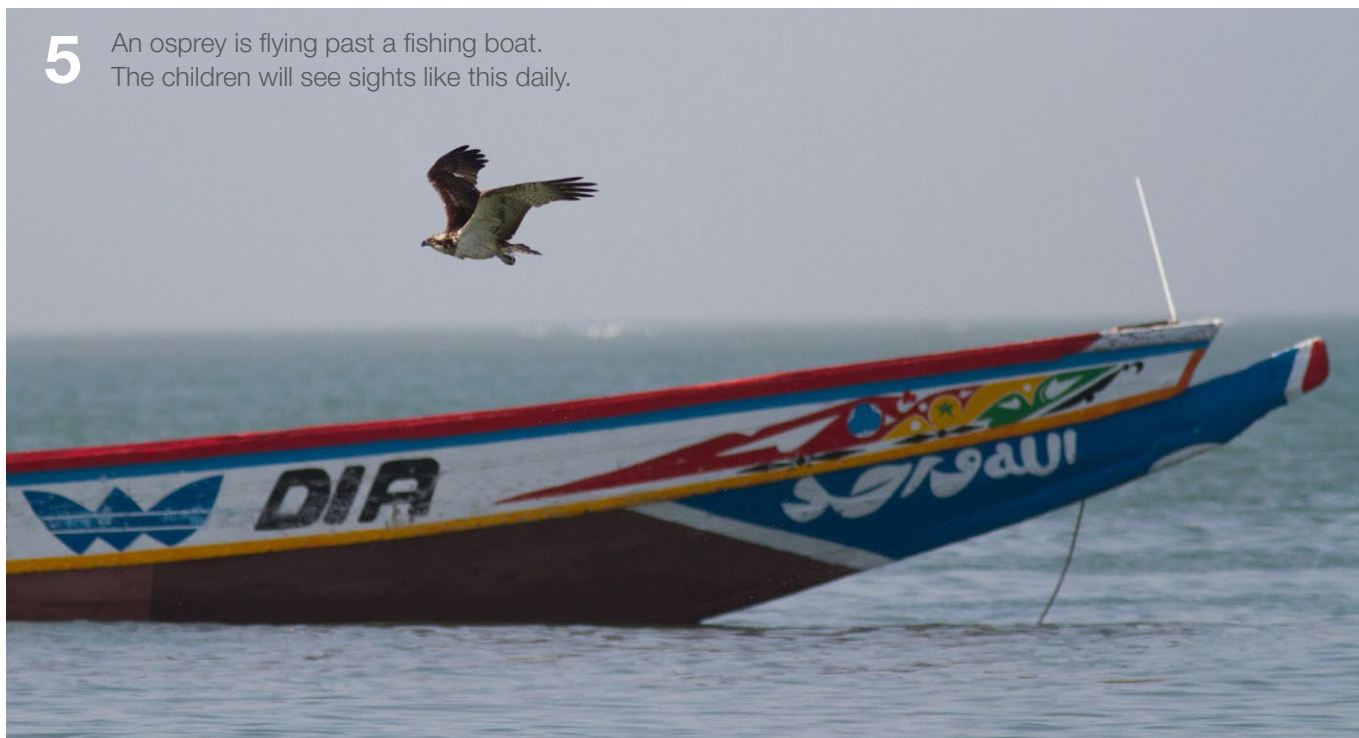


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- 5** An osprey is flying past a fishing boat.
The children will see sights like this daily.



- 6** Tim Mackrill who heads up the Rutland Osprey team is in Tanji school talking to a group of pupils about ospreys. The surroundings are typical of a school in the Gambia. Please note that the team brought a laptop computer and digital projector to the school in order to do this presentation.

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7 Three young boys have returned early from playtime and have allowed one of the Osprey team to photograph them doing extra voluntary work.



8 A group of pupils are getting water from the pump that is in the centre of the school yard. There is no piped water in the buildings. The only 'begging' that the Rutland team have ever encountered from children in The Gambia is for plastic drinks bottles, having one of these bottles which we throw away so freely enables a child to take a drink to school.

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9 A typical inland village in The Gambia.



10 A typical market scene in a Gambian village.

