



Zululand
Conservation Trust

MISSION:

**"PARTNERING WITH PROTECTED AREAS AND COMMUNITIES TO
FULFIL OUR COMMITMENT TO CONSERVING ENDANGERED SPECIES
AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT."**

The Zululand Conservation Trust (ZCT) has been a steadfast presence in the Zululand region for over a decade, dedicated to advancing conservation efforts and safeguarding endangered species and their habitats. Our commitment extends beyond the borders of protected areas, as we actively engage with and empower communities residing in these regions. By fostering sustainable development and providing tangible benefits to residents and their families, both within and outside the parks, we strive to create harmonious coexistence between wildlife and humans.

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**PARTNER WITH US TO MAXIMIZE YOUR
SOCIAL IMPACT INVESTMENT.**

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presentation with Karen Odendaal (COO) and David
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INVEST IN PEOPLE & PARKS

IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023

PROTECTED AREA COMMUNITIES



4 early learning centres that support 167 children, providing 33 233 meals per year along with school supplies, winter clothing, books, game drives and more. Graden projects resulting in 23 women trained in permaculture, 16 water tanks donated and 3 permanent work opportunities created.

R2 200 744 INVESTED

R16 873 000 INVESTED

23 000 ha under custodianship. 500 additional hectares of land incorporated into the custodian site of Manyoni Game Reserve. 77km of fence line and 126km of roads maintained. On average 45 casual labour opportunities created and 33 permanent staff employed.



PROTECTED AREA EXPANSION & CUSTODIANSHIP

ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION & ANTI POACHING



Zero Rhino's poached. 53 White & 8 Black rhinos dehorned. 3 Pangolins successfully released back into the wild. 2 Cheetahs relocated & one Lion collared. 20 leopard camera traps purchased. 6 new K9 handlers trained and 1 new APU K9 received. 49 612.5 kms patrolled and 427 snares removed.

R4 080 851 INVESTED

R3 524 528 INVESTED

12 Rhino orphans cared for totalling in: 8 640kgs of Rhino milk, 6 480 bales of Teff, 2 160 bales of Lucerne and 3 800kgs of rhino pellets purchased as well as R240 000 worth of medical expenses covered.



ZULULAND RHINO ORPHANAGE

FUNDRAISING EVENTS



2.5 million Rand raised. 277 mountain bikers hosted at the annual Rhino Ride. 125 trail runners hosted at the annual Rhino Run. 12 new partnerships achieved. 8 new avenues for grant funding explored.

R1 812 802 INVESTED

"OUR COMMITMENT TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE BEGINS WITHIN OUR OWN COMMUNITY"

RECOGNITION AND IMPACT REPORTING:

Your contributions will be duly acknowledged, recognizing your pivotal role in driving positive change. Regular updates through comprehensive progress reports ensure you're informed about the outcomes and impact of your support every step of the way.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Your contributions directly fuel our core divisions: Community Upliftment and Wildlife Conservation. With careful financial planning, 4% of donations cover administrative expenses, ensuring operational efficiency. Additionally, your donations are tax-deductible (18A), contribute to BBBEE points (Community Projects Only), and are allocated according to your preferences. As a sponsor, you gain brand visibility, recognition, and tailored employee engagement opportunities.

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY:

We uphold the highest standards of financial transparency, providing full disclosure on fund allocation and management. Our aim is to build trust and confidence in our organization's integrity and accountability, fostering enduring partnerships built on mutual respect and transparency.



ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE VALUES:

Supporting our organization means embracing a vision where sustainability, social justice, and community development flourish. Your partnership with us drives impactful change in these vital areas, fostering a more equitable and sustainable future for all.

BECOME A PARTNER OF THE ZCT!

Collaborating with a diverse network of dedicated partners, we take pride in the essential role they play in bolstering our community and conservation projects. Each partner brings invaluable expertise, resources, and unwavering commitment to our shared mission of preserving the land, protecting endangered species, and uplifting local communities. Through collective effort, we strive to make a tangible impact and foster positive change. We express sincere gratitude for their ongoing support and collaboration, which are integral to our shared success.

CALL TO ACTION:

Corporate companies have various avenues to actively engage and support our mission:

- Financial contributions: Invest directly in our initiatives for tangible impact.
 - In-kind donations: Provide goods or services supporting our programs.
 - Volunteer opportunities: Engage employees in meaningful activities.
 - Percentage sales agreements: Allocate a portion of sales to our cause.
 - Other forms of support: Explore tailored partnership opportunities.
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**96% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TOWARDS
OUR CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY
EFFORTS, ONLY 4% IS USED FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES.**



THE PROTECTED AREA EXPANSION

This initiative seeks to establish the Greater Zululand Reserve, encompassing 6.4 million square kilometres by connecting protected areas in KwaZulu-Natal. Removing boundary fences and integrating community land enhances ecological resilience, genetic flow, and natural processes, safeguarding endangered species and habitats. However, challenges such as human encroachment, poverty, and logistical complexities must be addressed. Strategic phases involve feasibility studies, legal agreements, and management plans, culminating in wildlife corridor establishment and community integration. The long-term impact includes biodiversity conservation, socio-economic upliftment, and sustainable stewardship for future generations.



ZULULAND RHINO ORPHANAGE

Established in 2017 by the Zululand Conservation Trust (ZCT) amidst the rhino poaching crisis, the Zululand Rhino Orphanage (ZRO) stands as a vital sanctuary for orphaned rhinos in KwaZulu-Natal. As the sole refuge for these vulnerable animals following the closure of another facility, ZRO provides specialized care, protection, and rehabilitation. However, ongoing security threats from poachers and infrastructural limitations pose significant challenges. To address this, the ZCT implements comprehensive measures, including aerial surveillance, recovery support, and enhanced security measures. Sustainable energy solutions like solar power are also proposed to ensure long-term operational efficiency. Through these efforts, ZRO aims not only to rehabilitate orphaned rhinos but also to contribute to the broader conservation of the rhino population, establishing itself as a beacon of hope for the species' survival.

ZULULAND CONSERVATION TRUST PROJECT PORTFOLIO



ENHANCE ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION

The ZCT oversees vital conservation efforts at the Manyoni Private Game Reserve (MPGR), safeguarding endangered species like rhinos, wild dogs, and big cats. With limited resources hindering continuous monitoring, the trust plans to establish a centralized Operations Room (OPS Room) to enhance law enforcement capabilities. This initiative aims to combat poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking by improving surveillance and response times. Additionally, collaboration among law enforcement agencies and stakeholders will be fostered, ensuring a better-coordinated approach to wildlife crime. The MPGR also focuses on pangolin and wild dog conservation, aiming to establish safe zones and rehabilitation centres. Challenges such as human-wildlife conflict and fence security are addressed through innovative solutions like smart fence technology and community engagement programs. Long-term impacts include enhanced protection for wildlife, reduced poaching activities, and sustainable employment opportunities for local communities, ensuring the ongoing preservation of biodiversity and habitats.



PARTNERING WITH PROTECTED AREA COMMUNITIES

This initiative strives to uplift and empower communities surrounding conservation areas in northern Kwa-Zulu Natal. The Food & Water Security Project addresses poverty and hunger by establishing food gardens and boreholes to enhance nutrition and create sustainable livelihoods. The Green Gardens Project expands on this, promoting organic farming and creating markets for fresh produce, while the Early Learning Centres Project ensures quality education and nutrition for young children, fostering a conservation ethos from an early age. Lastly, the Environmental Education Program engages youth in conservation through experiential learning and support initiatives, aiming to create generational change and empower communities for long-term socio-economic and environmental resilience.

