



Our Vision

We believe that positive and meaningful connections between travellers, local communities, and nature makes the world a better and more interesting place for all.



Community

Kuzuko was established as a social enterprise to intentionally create jobs in an area of high unemployment. Community is central to who we are and why we exist.

- ▶ 45 permanent jobs created
- ▶ 470 fixed term jobs created
- ▶ 2 farm schools supported
- ▶ Job skills training delivered
- ▶ Mentoring program for disadvantaged youth
- ▶ Environmental education for local communities



Conservation

Kuzuko is an ambitious rewilding project that has successfully protected 35,000 acres of land in the Greater Addo area for conservation.

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- ▶ 23 species reintroduced
- ▶ 8 endangered species protected
- ▶ 12,000 acres actively restored
- ▶ 26 million spekboom planted
- ▶ 14 cheetah rewilded
- ▶ 1,182 tonnes of CO2 captured

Sustainability at Kuzuko

As a conservation project in a semi-arid area we are acutely aware of the importance of sustainability. One of our core goals is to be a leader in setting new sustainability standards for luxury nature travel. We have a number of initiatives already in a place, and plans for much more in the coming years.

Reducing Plastic

We have conducted a plastic audit and wherever possible have stopped using single use plastic and reviewed the use of other plastics. Where plastic is used it is strictly for hygiene or safety reasons where there is no alternative.

Conserving Water

Water management is a key concern at Kuzuko. Our efficiency measures include sustainable washing protocols and a full treatment plant that collects and treats waste water for safe use in our gardens

Buying Local

We buy produce from local farmers as much as we can in order to reduce food miles and support the local economy. We also grow a selection of our own herbs with plans to expand our gardens in the coming years.

Energy Efficiency

Improving our energy efficiency is an ongoing long term project. We have worked with an energy consultant and are implementing incremental measures over time from adapting protocols to replacing equipment.

Carbon Neutral Game Drives

Game drive vehicles are one of our major sources of carbon. Thanks to spekboom planting over the last 15 years we have already captured 1,182 tonnes of CO₂ which we have used to off set our game drives making them carbon neutral.

Up Cycling

Necessity is the mother of invention! Being off the beaten track, our team are specialised at up-cycling unwanted items and we re-cycle and re-use materials wherever we can which reduces our need to buy new items.

The Magic of Spekboom



Spekboom is an indigenous tree of the Eastern Cape and a bit of a miracle plant. It is what is known as an 'ecosystem engineer' which when replanted creates the conditions for other plant species to return in degraded thicket ecosystems. It's also incredibly efficient at capturing carbon!

At Kuzuko we have been working with Dr Anrthony Mills, a world leading restoration specialist, trialing different ways of using spekboom to restore the land. Our trial plantings have already captured 1,182 tonnes of CO₂, enough to make our game drives carbon neutral, and led to a much larger project funded by carbon credits.

In 2023 we completed the world's largest spekboom reforestation project at Kuzuko with 26 million trees planted over 12,000-acres. Over the course of the next thirty years the project is forecast to capture an incredible 45-million tonnes of carbon from the atmosphere which will be an incredible contribution to the fight against climate change.

