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Thank you for taking the time to read some more about the projects Zululand Conservation Trust is involved in. As we are a registered non-profit organisation we can offer Section 18a Tax exempt certificates for donations made to our organisation. You can also earn BBBEE points for donations towards our community projects.

Our Trust works continuously to empower local communities through assistance in education and by forging mutually beneficial partnerships in conservation initiatives. Through empowerment, upliftment and education we aim to reinforce the value of wildlife and conservation.

Our Community Funds are based on donations which we receive from local businesses, interested partners and overseas sponsors. During the 2018-2019 financial year we received R267 000.00 towards our community projects, this amazing contribution has enabled us to achieve the following:



COMMUNITY WORK

Crèche Programme:

The continued sponsorship of over 100 children at our three crèche, this includes a monthly food donation, teachers & cooks' salaries, maintenance within and around the crèche and annual Easter & Christmas celebrations. We also facilitate the donation of clothes, toys & stationary from guests & interested parties to these facilities.



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Mandlakazi Food Security Project

Partnering with African Conservation Trust, we have implemented a food garden scheme in all 3 creche. This project trains and equips 20 local community members on the permaculture farming skills to get the most out of the land and the crops they plant. By the end of the project each crèche will have a 15m x 10m garden which will feed the children and give them those much needed nutrients into their growing diets.



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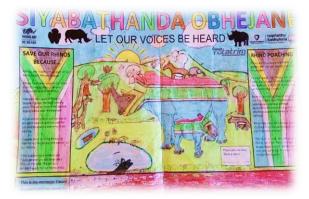


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Youth Support

"Tell me and I'll forget, show me, and I may not remember, involve me and I'll understand" Zulu Proverb

Collaboration with Rhino Art, an educational roadshow started by the Kingsley Holgate Foundation & Project Rhino is an ongoing project which we support annually. Rhino Art, which sees the theatrical Richard Mabanga visiting local schools & sharing the importance of conserving & protecting our rhino for future generations. Children are



given a blank rhino template, some crayons and two weeks to decorate & colour their art as they wish. This is then judged and the winner from each school becomes a Rhino Ambassador & is afforded the opportunity to further their passion at an environmental camp during the school holidays.

We have found that the children absolutely love this project and we are always blown away at the thoughtfulness and effort which goes into their art.



The Rhino Art winners and runners up from across the province met for a Rhino Art Workshop in Hluhluwe where 50 children gathered to learn more about wildlife conservation. We enjoyed the music of Qadasi, and the children were taken on a game drive in Hluhluwe Imfolozi park, which was the first time ever being in a game reserve for all but one student. An amazing experience they will cherish forever.

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Another annual and well-loved community project is Game drives we hold on Manyoni Private Game Reserve, the drives are aimed at the Grade 7 classes from our local primary schools, learners enjoy a full day out in the bush with a qualified ranger who teaches them about trees, birds, mammals and insects. We then stop as a group to enjoy a bush picnic where all the children are quizzed on their knowledge of the bush they have just learnt. This is a special day for the children, and a definite highlight of their Grade 7 year.



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" Nelson Mandela

The ZCT assists the Mandlakazi High School's Grade 12 Camp every year before final exams. Mrs Nzimande, the school principle, is always driven to increase her pass rate. The matric camp is set up within the school 3 weeks before the final exams. It is a safe and quiet space where students are able to learn together and with the help of extra lessons. The camp also provides meals and is open during the exam period as well so that students can rest in the evenings. The ZCT assists by funding cooks, extra teachers, and security guards.

We are extremely proud of the Mandlakazi High School who have shown great improvement over the years of our involvement. The overall performance of the matric class has a huge positive impact in the years we have assisted:

2019 had a pass rate of 67.2% 2018 had a pass rate of 60% 2017 had a pass rate of 23% 2016 had a pass rate of 13% 2015 had a pass rate of 35,5%



We are so proud of Mrs Nzimande and her pupils for their great success and their eagerness to improve, this was a brilliant project to be a part of and we will be sure to commit to assisting going forward.

Food Security

We have assisted with the introduction of the *Inkukukaya Chicken Project* into our neighbouring community, and a pilot project into one of our crèche. The aim of the Inkukukaya project is to bring both food security and the entrepreneurial opportunity into the communities. The ZCT sponsored the cost of the cages as well as the first round of feed and chicks to key community members who in turn will raise the

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broilers with the opportunity to sell or keep the birds at the 6 week mark. The idea is that with the sales from the first round you are then able to buy another round of chicks and feed as well as make a small profit. We have also employed & trained an extension officer who can help with any queries community members may have, as well as promote and sell further cages into the community.

The broilers we have installed into the crèche are doing very well, the idea here is that the crèche keeps a portion of the chickens to feed the children and supplement their protein, with the balance being sold in order to restock the cages. As an organisation we really hope that this project will take off and grow within our communities, in turn providing much needed food security for households & an opportunity to increase household income and promote growth.

Other community projects ventured into by the ZCT in 2018 - 2019

- Donation of a new jungle Gym for our Sekane Crèche
- Sponsorship of two community Soccer tournaments, including, branded kit, soccer balls, prize money and entertainment
- The donation of a further 480 Uzwelo School bags to the Obani Primary, this brings our total reach to 1480 pupils in our local schools.
- Sponsorship towards the Rise 'n Fly Youth Project, based in Jozini. Rise 'n Fly is a non-profit
 organisation which provides social support and guidance to under privileged youth. Rise 'n Fly hold
 various events over the year including sports days, fun runs and musical & drama days which
 enables the youngsters to develop hobbies and grow their skills, we find it of great value to enable
 youngsters to learn new skills as well as to do entertaining activities they enjoy.
- Hiring of local labour to assist with temporary work, alien plant clearing & fence maintenance within and around Manyoni Private Game Reserve

Conservation projects the ZCT was involved in during 2018 - 2020

As you are aware the ZCT is also closely aligned with critical conservation fundraising and projects within the greater Zululand area, some of the conservation projects we assisted towards include.

- The infamous Rhino Ride fundraiser, which see's over 200 cyclists descending on Manyoni Private Game Reserve, for a weekend of cycling and fun to raise funds for Rhino Protection, this year we outdid ourselves and raised over one million rand for rhino protection! To date this event has raised well over 2 million rand which has all been spent on the protection of our iconic Rhino
- We facilitated the relocation & introduction of 6 Spotted Hyena into Manyoni

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- We have enabled & continue to support a critical Leopard survey within Manyoni & the greater
 area. Leopards are a critically threatened species & with the survey we are trying to assess the
 number of animals in the area as well as their range in order to protect them further.
- The ZCT has purchased equipment and quad bikes for the Rhino Monitors within Manyoni, who
 ensure daily that our rhino are safe and secure.
- The rehabilitation and reintroduction of the Temminck's pangolin back into Zululand
- The Project Rhino K9 organisation has been a beneficiary of a financial donation from the ZCT, this





critical unit is based in Zululand

and assists with deterring & follow ups when there has been a poaching threat in the area, we have also got Project Rhino guards who have joined our team in the patrols and protection of Zululand Rhino Orphanage.

Our biggest Conservation effort to date has to be our Rhino Orphanage

The Zululand Rhino Orphanage

Born out of necessity in 2017, in the wake of a tragic attack, the decision was made to move the facility to a more secure location. With Manyoni having their own orphans in the facilities care, we had only two options, hand over the responsibility of our babies to a third party or shoulder the responsibility of funding and building our own orphanage, the ZCT chose the latter!

The ZRO is currently home to 5 Rhino and 2 Hippo Orphans, and has the capacity to take in more orphans should the need arise. The babies, who rely on us heavily for the first two and a half years of their life are provided with dedicated around the clock care, love and protection. Our ultimate aim is to rehabilitate these survivors and return them to the wild where they belong.



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To date we have successfully released 3 of our Rhino orphans back into game reserves where they are thriving and living a completely wild life independent of humans.





The rhino orphanage is a tragic necessity in the midst of the rhino poaching crisis. Our facility is setup to assist all reserves who carry rhino when tragedy strikes. The costs to run an operation like this are extremely high, due to feeding, veterinary care and of course security, which needs to be extremely tight. The bills are never ending from electricity and water to milk and medication; therefore we appreciate all the funding we have received and continue to receive to keep this centre running.

Since inception the ZRO has received extremely generous donations from partners abroad, local business and individuals alike, to the amount of an incredible R2 865 400, the generosity of humans is incredible. With these funds we have been able to create a safe environment for the Orphans to grow up in. Below illustrates a year in the building developments.





The above image also illustrates the extent of the drought which all suffered through from 2017

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The ZRO & Orphans also require a 24 hour Anti-Poaching K9 Unit, who work continuously day and night to ensure the safety and protection for not only our orphans, but carers and staff too. Meet Mystique, she is a Boerboel breed and is 4 years old. She is a qualified track and attack K9 with an enormous heart and smile.



It is thanks to the generosity of donors such as yourselves that enables the Zululand Conservation Trust to be involved in so many great projects & with that we offer our heartfelt thanks & the promise that we will endeavour to continue & improve the work we are doing within the community and with wildlife alike.

Should you wish to get involved further, or if you have suggestions for other projects we could initiate in our communities or conservation efforts we would love to hear from you, please contact us on info@zululandconservationtrust.org

To read more about our work and to meet our precious survivors, please have a look at our webiste www.zululandconsertvationtrust.org

We thank you for your kind support.

Sincerely,
Kelly, Frances, Megan
& everyone at the Zululand
Conservation Trust

