



A TIMELINE TO SUCESS

1980

A young Bundox founder Marinus Smith moves to Mozambique to build and run a safari camp and get his first taste of the "wild" life.

2000

Bundox Game Capture grows into one of the biggest names in the game capture industry and specialists in capturing nyala, leopards and other big cats.

2008

Bundox Game Capture branches out into offering game ranger experience programmes and facilitating projects for research students and conservation volunteers.

1996

Marinus returns from Mozambique and starts up Bundox Game Capture, taking the Portuguese pronunciation of "boondocks" as his brand.

2005

Marinus & his partner, Ida Steenekamp, tie the knot on top of Mount Nkosi on Phinda Private Game Reserve in a surprise wedding. Ida joins the team and the company takes flight.



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2011

Bundox launches the Wildside Africa brand and acquires a trail camp in the Balule Private Game

2015

Bundox Game Capture evolves into a new vision for eco-tourism - Bundox Safari Co and Marinus has a new direction when acquires a tented camp in Botswana, on the eastern edge of the Moremi Game Reserves .

2019

Mankwe Bush Lodge is reborn as Mankwe Tented Retreat under the Wildside Africa umbrella, partnered with the brand new Bundox Safari Co.

2013

Marinus becomes severely ill with life-threatening allergies caused by a reaction to wild animal fur and battles to keep Bundox Game Capture going. He focus on building Bundox Safari Lodge

2016

Wildside Africa begins to take off but disaster strikes as its newly revamped tented camp in Botswana - Mankwe Bush Lodge - burns down. It takes three years to rebuild



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2020

Bundox Safari Co opens its first safari offering - Bundox Explorer Camp in the Balule, on the site of its original trails camp. It also opens Bundox Safari Lodge on a private sanctuary neighbouring Thornybush Private Game Reserve just outside Hoedspruit. Then COVID-19 hit!

2022

Work begins on the new Amava River Camp in the northern section of the Balule Private Game Reserve and Bundox River Retreat is launched with its first private, exclusive-use offering - Fish Eagle Villa. Work also begins on building another "Wildside" villa on Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate.

2021

Having grabbed the pandemic bull by the horns, Bundox Safari Co uses the downtime of the global lockdown to plan its future path and expand on what it already has accomplished. Marinus and Ida sell their family home and acquire the lease of Hippo Pools Resort on the banks of the Olifants River, north of Hoedspruit and begin work on creating Bundox River Retreat.