



Peace Parks Foundation facilitates the establishment of transfrontier conservation areas (peace parks) and develops human resources, thereby supporting sustainable economic development, the conservation of biodiversity and regional peace and stability.

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Peace Parks Foundation Quarterly Review April – June 2014



The Community Development Facility in the Mozambican component of the Usuthu-Tembe-Futi Transfrontier Conservation Area (TFCA) in the Lubombo TFCA will serve as a financing mechanism to unlock community enterprise and socio-economic development opportunities. It comprises \$4.8 million donated by the COmON Foundation and is a joint initiative between the government of Mozambique, COmON Foundation and Peace Parks Foundation. Grants already approved include training community members at the SA College for Tourism to work at the Chemucane community lodge, supplying 1 727 households (10 362 people) with fresh drinking water and expanding the Matchia chilli project, where six tonnes were harvested and sold in 2013 and the money paid into the community's account.

DIRECTORATE

Werner Myburgh - CEO, Joanna Evans- Personal Assistant

To ensure that the mission, goals and objectives of Peace Parks Foundation are fulfilled; and to develop and advance political acceptance of the peace parks concept, as well as project and financial management expertise and skills.

Liaison with donors and significant events

On 4 February 2014, the Dutch Postcode Lottery donated €14.4 million and the Swedish Postcode Lottery €1 million to Peace Parks Foundation to combat wildlife crime and rhino poaching in southern Africa. Since this announcement, the South African government and its public entities, South African National Parks and Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, have been working closely with Peace Parks Foundation to plan detailed projects. The partners have also established the necessary governance structures under the auspices of the Department of Environmental Affairs, which will oversee the implementation of the multi-pronged programme to combat rhino poaching in South Africa, home to 83% of Africa's wild rhino.

On 9 April, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and Peace Parks Foundation signed an agreement that will initiate the implementation of projects, valued at R26.8 million from the Dutch and Swedish postcode lotteries' donation, in KwaZulu-Natal to enhance existing rhino management and protection activities by Ezemvelo.

Also on 9 April, Mozambique unanimously passed the first reading of a bill on conservation areas, which dramatically increases the penalties for poaching, particularly of endangered species. This legislation is to be welcomed by everyone working against the illegal trafficking in wildlife.

On 17 April, Mozambique and South Africa signed a memorandum of understanding in the field of biodiversity, conservation and management. In support thereof, R24.9 million from the Dutch and Swedish postcode lotteries' grant will assist Mozambique's anti-poaching efforts.

The Peace Parks Foundation Legacy Society's annual South African luncheon was held on 15 April. The event was kindly hosted and sponsored by the Legacy Society chairman, Mr Hansjürg Saager. Thank you to the Distell Foundation and to the Oude Libertas Art Gallery for the venue.

The conservation world bade a very sad farewell to Dr Anthony Hall-Martin on 21 May. Anthony was not only a mentor and adviser to Peace Parks Foundation, but a true friend. He was one of the most influential conservationists in southern Africa and instrumental in the strategic direction and activities of the foundation in its formative years. His pragmatic approach to solving the myriad of challenges faced in the establishment and management of protected areas and TFCAs has been an inspiration to me personally and very much forms part of how Peace Parks Foundation conducts its business up to today. He will be sorely missed for his wisdom, intellect, leadership, guidance and friendship. A true conservation icon and a great loss to all who knew him.



Mr Werner Myburgh and Dr Bandile Mkhize, CEO of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife



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Mr Carvalho Muária, the Mozambican Minister of Tourism and Mrs Edna Molewa, the South African Minister of Environmental Affairs, shake hands on the MoU



Dr Anthony Hall-Martin

PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AREAS (TFCAs)

Paul Bewsher - Programme Manager, Heloise de Villiers - Programme Administrator. Arrie van Wyk - Project Manager, Lee-Anne Robertson - Project Administrator. Four international TFCA coordinators, one TFCA programme manager, 12 project managers/technical advisers, two consultancy/contractual appointments, three country liaison officers, five administrative staff members, three technical support staff

To oversee the implementation of the Foundation's TFCA programme, which includes coordination of the various projects by providing technical and logistical support as well as hands-on project and associated financial management.

/Ai/Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park (Namibia / South Africa)

The transfrontier park's joint management board requested Peace Parks Foundation to prepare a feasibility study on the park becoming a transboundary World Heritage Site, and to develop a mountain bike trail at Hobas that will be available to tourists throughout the year. The trail will be introduced during the Desert Knights 2014.

Equipment was procured for the Desert Knights Mountain Biking Event and Desert Kayak Trails.

Assistance was provided to Boundless Southern Africa in drafting an operations



Photo: Dylan Haskin

manual for Desert Knights. This will be expanded to serve as a manual for other events as well

In the South African component, 57 trail



Photo: Kevin Trautman

runners successfully completed the inaugural 150 km [Richtersveld Wildrun](#) that was held over four days in June. Entries are now open for the 2015 event.

Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (Botswana/South Africa)

During their monthly meetings, the transfrontier park's management committee has been working on a possible joint booking system, joint tourism training for staff and on finalising a joint operations strategy.

A joint Wi-Fi network is now operational in the Twee Rivieren/Two Rivers area, with the intention of eventually expanding it to the main camps in the park.

!Ae!Hai KALAHARI HERITAGE PARK

During the quarter, 17 !Khomani San adults and children visited the !Ae !Hai Kalahari Heritage Park and stayed at the Imbewu Camp, where they exchanged traditional knowledge pertaining to veld foods and medicinal plants.

Rotary and the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) are funding the upgrade of Erin farm. Thanks to this, the following have been purchased: fencing material to upgrade the existing fence; a solar pump, solar panels and a tank to equip a borehole for a tented camp; six safari



Photo: Transfrontier Parks Destinations

One of the visitors to the heritage park learning from the !Khomani San

tents; a cold room to cater to sustainable resource use; and six wooden decks.

Thanks to training of the community members in meat processing, sustainable resource use is proving increasingly successful in engendering funds for the !Khomani San community.

The project steering committee, consist-

ing of !Khomani San, Rotary, SANParks and Peace Parks Foundation, to oversee the projects being implemented thanks to support from BMZ and Rotary, held its first meeting in April. Dr Carl-Heinz Duisberg (Rotary) was elected chairman and Isak Kruiper (!Khomani San) the vice-chairman. Dr Julie Grant started work as project coordinator on 14 April.

Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park (GLTP) (Mozambique / South Africa / Zimbabwe)

LIMPOPO NATIONAL PARK

In a ceremony held in Mabalane and led by the Governor of Gaza Province, Mr Raimundo Diomba, a cheque for 1 387 303.20 Mt (€32 146) was handed over to the Limpopo National Park communities. The cheque represents the communities' 20% share of the 2013 revenues. The handover ceremony was attended by park staff and representatives of Massingir, Mabalane and Chicualacuala district governments and communities.

Limpopo National Park, with support from Peace Parks Foundation, sponsored the purchase of new soccer kits for the local Massingir soccer team, the Vespas. This is part of the initiatives to foster relationships with surrounding communities and to raise awareness of the increasing poaching threats faced by the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park. The Vespas team's kit now displays the Limpopo National Park emblem. Rhino anti-poaching awareness banners will be displayed at their soccer matches, which are played



both at home in Massingir and regionally as far afield as Xai Xai on the coast.

Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation and Resource Area (Mozambique/ South Africa /Swaziland)

MAPUTO SPECIAL RESERVE

Reserve management moved into the new office complex. The VSAT system for Internet connection was also relocated from the old temporary office building to the new complex and is operational.

Reserve staff are working with local communities to mitigate elephant damage and decrease the human-wildlife conflict.

Mr Brian Neubert, the new technical adviser, started work with the finalisation of the electrified game proof fence around the park as first priority.

Elephant Coast Company is providing assistance to the park by donating mosquito repellent, a battery for the Bantam aircraft, jackets and as 200 litres of diesel for anti-poaching activities.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FACILITY (CDF)

The project manager, Ms Sheila Comé of the CDF (see cover page) visited the agricultural project in Simalaha Community Conservancy to learn about conservation agriculture farming methods.

Thanks to the COMOn Foundation's support, the first three large contracts for the implementation of the CDF projects has been signed:

- **Bindzu agricultural project** with a contract value of R1.8 million will benefit 40 farmers of the Tchia community. The funds will be used to construct green houses and install drip irrigation, which will allow for the production of winter and summer crops. Bindzu Agribusiness, a private



During the opening ceremony of the reserve's head quarters, Mrs Maria Jonas, the Maputo Province Provincial Governor, handed a cheque for R211 453, representing 20% of the park's annual revenue for 2013, to the reserve's 17 communities (approximately 8 800 people)

company that assists communities with the development of agriculture projects, will train the farmers and also market the products.

- The expansion of the **Matchia chilli project** with a contract value of R2.1 million benefiting 30 farmers. The funds will be used to build a shed for storage and to appoint a farm manager to assist the community with training and support to introduce crop rotation. A vehicle will also be purchased to assist with transport to the market and for day to day management. The contract will be managed in-house by the project manager and Peace Parks Foundation. During the reporting period 2.7 tonnes of chillies were harvested and sold, which resulted in payment of R26 000.
- The **water provision project** for nine communities, comprising a total of 1 727 households or 10 362 people, with the appointment of the drilling contractor Agua Doce with a contract value of

R1.4 million. An additional four boreholes will be drilled and nine submersible pumps and solar panels will be installed, as well as nine tank stands with tanks.

PONTA DO OURO PARTIAL MARINE RESERVE

The Marine Turtle Monitoring Programme 2013–2014 season, had the following results:

There were 1 518 recordings of loggerhead and 87 of leatherback turtles coming ashore to lay their eggs, i.e. one turtle may return more than once. This is up from the 2012–2013 season, when there were 1 253 recordings of loggerhead and 52 of leatherback turtles coming ashore. The number of confirmed nests was 910 nests for loggerhead (up from 636) and 84 for leatherback turtles (up from 38 during the previous season).

Kavango-Zambezi (KAZA) Transfrontier Conservation Area (Angola/Botswana/Namibia/ Zambia/Zimbabwe)

SIOMA NGWEZI NATIONAL PARK

The construction of the new park headquarters has been completed. Funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development through KfW as part of the KAZA TFCA development, it includes 11 offices, a radio control room, an ablution block, 20 junior staff houses and five senior staff houses.

Wildlife sightings have been rewarding and a herd of approximately 50 buffalo were spotted in the area, a first in over two years. Lion and leopard have also been seen.

SIMALAHA COMMUNITY CONSERVANCY

The conservation agriculture manager, Mr Chrispin Muchindu, reports that the 120 farmers who were trained during the past rainy season have had good crop yields. He is in the process of training the next 120 farmers in conservation agricultural farming methods.

Farmers with access to water have received assistance from the project in terms of treadle pumps to allow the production of both summer and winter crops.

Many farmers are requesting assistance with the addition of honey production as one of their cash crops and to assist with the pollination of the crops they plant each season.



The main office complex of the Sioma Ngwezi headquarters



The passing out parade of the community wildlife scouts

The training of 22 community wildlife scouts at the Chunga Wildlife College, run by Zambia Wildlife Authority, was completed by the end of April 2014. A passing out parade for the scouts was held in May at Mwandi. The event

was officially opened by the Deputy Minister Tourism and Arts, Mr Lawrence Evans and senior government officials, as well as Chief Sekute, of the Royal Chundu Establishment attended.

Malawi/Zambia TFCAs (Malawi / Zambia)

The development of an integrated development plan (IDP) for the TFCA was finalised by officials for submission to the relevant ministers for approval. The IDP process is a comprehensive and participatory planning process that aligns the planning and development of the different tiers of government with those of the private sector and communities. It also informs the national development strategy of that particular area.

As elephants are leaving the Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve and causing extensive human-wildlife conflict in the neighbouring areas, a 40 km electrified fence is required to close the eastern boundary of the reserve.



Chelinda Lodge

The Nyika Guesthouse in the Zambian component of the TFCA is being upgraded and will have six en-suite rooms for visitors.

The 60 km access road from the entrance gate of Nyika National Park to the Chelinda Lodge is also being upgraded.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND GIS

Craig Beech - Information Systems Manager, Brennan Walsh - Spatial Database Administrator,
Marina Faber - GIS Analyst, Arlene Herbst - GIS Senior Technician, Denton Joachim: GIS Technician
Michaela Riehl: GIS Practitioner

To offer effective spatial support to the Foundation's facilitation process of transfrontier conservation, to reach our clients in Southern Africa with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) solutions through innovative Internet mapping, thereby becoming the leading organisation in transfrontier conservation GIS.

SENSA

The sustainable, environmental and safe tourism in protected areas (SENSA) consortium members of the Luxembourg-based development companies travelled to Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park to undertake two weeks of field verification in April. These entailed meetings with SANParks management and !Khomani San Council members. SENSA also held its annual meeting in Luxembourg during the reporting period. The integration of the environment and tourism platforms, currently in their infant development stage, were tabled and discussed with the pilot regions of Kgalagadi and the Peneda-Gerês National Park of Portugal. The pilot of the project will be run in these parks starting November this year. The objective is to increase opportunities for travellers while enhancing environmental preservation, consequently increasing revenues for both the park and ecotourism travel operators.

TECHNOLOGIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Cooperation & Development Centre (CODEV), recognised as a UNESCO Chair in Technologies for Development, held its international conference in Lausanne Switzerland, entitled *Technologies for Development (Tech4Dev): What is essential?* Peace Parks Foundation presented a paper entitled *Toward a Spatial Monitoring and Evaluations System, Collecting Indicators to Map and Measure*, with an emphasis on the use of spatial technologies for the flow of data and information to measure, monitor and offer assistance to the management of TFCAs.

SPATIAL SUPPORT TO COMBATTING WILDLIFE CRIME

The spatial support to the Combatting Wildlife Crime programme made good progress during this reporting period. Time was spent with developers using technologies related to aerial observation and the prediction of illegal movements into and around protected areas. In addition, map support is being offered wherever needed to assist with the endeavours of all in-



Spatial support to the Combatting Wildlife Programme

volved to curb the onslaught of incursions. Good progress was also made on the web-based rhino information system, which will allow and assist the South African Department Environmental Affairs to make more informed decisions relating to wildlife crimes.

KAZA MASTER IDP

The completion of the overarching integrated development plan for the Kavanago Zambezi TFCA is imminent. The foundation has supported the process with detailed mapping and spatial work to clarify various aspects of the plan. IDPs for all five partner countries are already being implemented. The five separate IDPs, with the master IDP for KAZA TFCA as a whole, will promote the sustainable and equitable development, utilisation and management of KAZA TFCA.

BASELINE SURVEY

The baseline survey results of the Simalaha Community Conservancy's agriculture projects have been analysed, highlighting several key factors that will now guide the measures and data collection of follow-up studies going forward. The second survey will be undertaken shortly, making use of the key findings of these analyses.

ARCGIS PORTAL

Much work has been undertaken to refine the manner in which foundation will

present GIS results via web services. This is grouped by a package called ArcGIS Portal, which allows for mapped results to be more streamlined and reach a wider audience via the World Wide Web. Click [here](#) for an example of the GIS section offering various GIS analyses and visuals related to the upcoming Desert Knights mountain bike tour in the /Ai-/Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park.

MAPPING SUPPORT

Mapping support was given to the integrated development planning processes of the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park and the Malawi-Zambia TFCA, as well as the turtle monitoring programme in the Ponta Do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve section of the Lubombo TFCA.

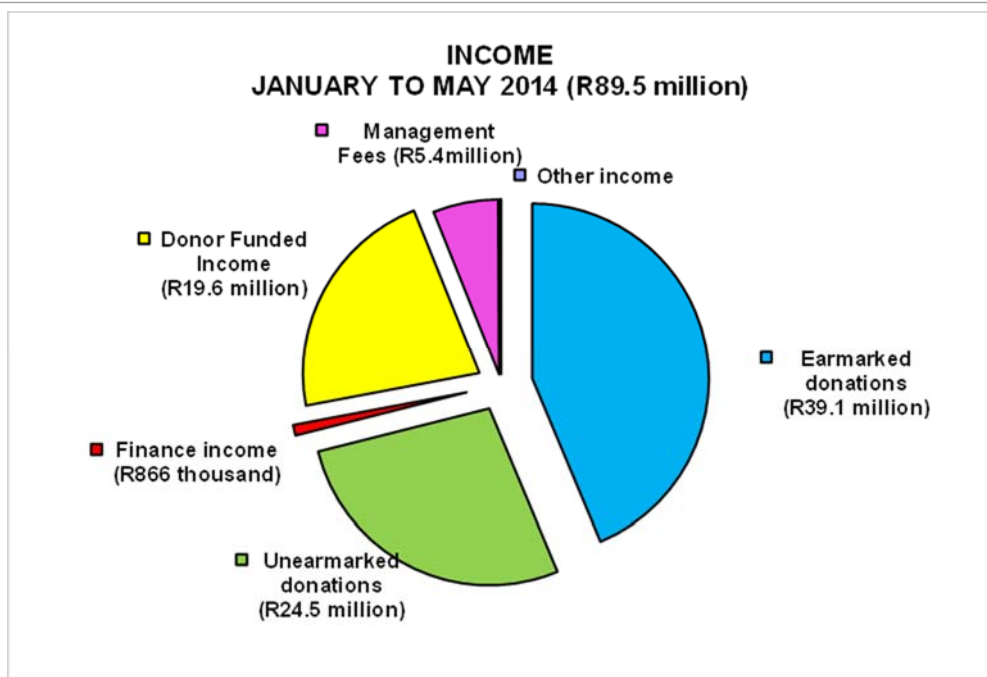
FINANCE AND OFFICE MANAGEMENT

Lize-Mari Lynch – Financial Manager, Annine Jansen van Vuuren – Accountant, Con Cornelissen – Accountant,
Louis Basson – Assistant Accountant, Louisé Rossouw – Assistant-Accountant: Financial Reporting, Lorrienne Joone- Financial Assistant
Dyan Lee – Coordinator: Human Resources and Office Management, Janine Hartzenberg – General Administrative Assistant,
Dawid Erasmus – Messenger, Salomie Erasmus – Housekeeping

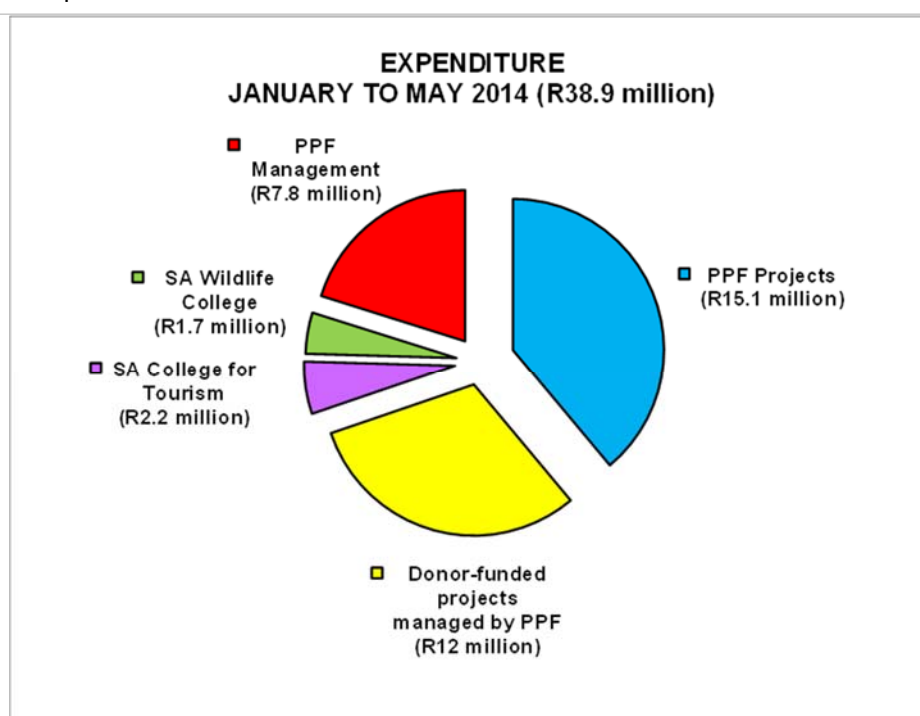
To develop and maintain accounting and control systems that will ensure accurate accounting records, reliable financial reports, compliance with company and tax laws, the protection of assets and the efficient management of funds, including payments and receipts.

Financial overview for the period January to May 2014

Income: Full year 2014 budgeted income is R186 million. Income for the period amounted to R89.5 million as follows:



Expenditure: Full year 2014 budgeted expenses is R206.3 million. Expenditure, including project capital purchases, for the period amounted to R38.5 million as follows:



FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT

Lisa Thompson-Smeddle—Acting Fund Development Manager, Claire Binneman—Senior Fundraiser, Lise-Marie Greeff-Villet—Senior Fundraiser, Angela Bundy —Grant Administrator

To achieve greater long-term financial stability for Peace Parks Foundation by conceptualising new and strengthening existing sustainable fundraising initiatives, as well as broadening and deepening already successful partnerships with all sectors.

Club 21, Peace Parks Club (PPC) corporate and individual memberships enable long-term financial sustainability, as it allows the foundation to support operations, contractual agreements and pilot projects from its general fund. The generosity by club members has continued, with donations made on top of their membership fees and by them recruiting friends to donate to the foundation in lieu of special occasions.

Mr Hansjürg and Mrs Francesca Saager are supporting the next wildlife translocation in the Simalaha Community Conservancy. The Animal Trust legacy programme is supporting rhino protection. A new club member, Mrs Lisa Thompson-Smeddle (staff member), joined as a PPC member, while Lloyds Travel and Mrs Ida Raimondo contributed towards SA College for Tourism bursaries.

Club members were again given the opportunity to participate in project visits, including a zebra translocation to the Simalaha Community Conservancy in the KAZA TFCA in September, experiencing the anti-poaching work in the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park in September or the turtle protection programme in the Lubombo TFCA in November. Club members have been keen to participate in the visits and they have all been fully booked.

Peace Parks Foundation and the Simalaha Community Conservancy translocation event were promoted at The Charge fundraising event in London on 15 May. Four tickets to participate in the translocation were auctioned. The fundraiser will become an annual event and with attendees aged around 30, it presents an opportunity to engage with prospective young club members.

In 2013 the Peace Parks Foundation Legacy Society was launched at luncheons funded and hosted by its chairman, Mr Hansjürg Saager, and his wife, Mrs Francesca Saager, in Stellenbosch and in Zürich respectively. Thanks to this, supporters have the opportunity of including the



Mr Roland Hermann, Consul General of Germany to South Africa and Mr Hansjürg Saager, chairman of the Peace Parks Foundation Legacy Society, at its annual South African luncheon



PPC member Dr Carl-Heinz Duisberg, Mr Werner Myburgh, PPC member Mr Thijs Brans, Ms Bernadette Hunkeler Brown, Consul General of Switzerland to South Africa, Mrs Annelies Brans and Mrs Caroline Duisberg at the luncheon

foundation as a beneficiary of their estate, or of establishing a living legacy whereby annual contributions are made to the foundation's operational expenses or to a specified project or programme.

The Peace Parks Foundation Legacy Society's annual South African luncheon was held on 15 April. It was hosted and sponsored by the chairman, Mr Hansjürg Saager and Oude Libertas Art Gallery. The event also celebrated a new collaboration between Peace Parks Foundation and The Distell Foundation to fund future combatting wildlife crime interventions.

One of the founder donors in Mozambique's Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve, Stichting Turing, is supporting

the marine reserve's development, operational costs and anti-poaching vehicles over the next two years.

HP Corporate Affairs from the USA donated laptops that will be used in the rhino protection programme.

The Embassy of Finland to South Africa has renewed its support to the SA College for Tourism over the next two years.

COMMUNICATIONS

Irma Engelbrecht – Communications Manager

To consistently communicate Peace Parks Foundation's vision, mission, objectives and programmes to the media, supporters and the public, thereby increasing interest in the Foundation's work and enlarging its supporter base.

Website

Every page of the website was updated and new photographs uploaded. Care was taken to ensure that the relevant donors are credited and hyperlinked to their respective websites. Thank you to Dr Richard Burroughs, head of the TFCA Veterinary Wildlife Programme, for his input on that section of the website. Forms that can be completed online have been uploaded to the Support Us section to make it easier for those who have deposited funding in the foundation's bank accounts in Germany, Sweden, South Africa, Switzerland, the UK and the USA to communicate their details to head office. A similar form is being designed for the SA College for Tourism. Do visit www.peaceparks.org for the latest news, uploaded at least weekly, on the various TFCAs, projects, support programmes and training.

Publications

The 2013 Peace Parks Foundation Annual Review & Financial Statements will be available shortly in digital and in printed format. It will also be uploaded to [this page](#) on the website.

A Peace Parks Foundation brochure is being produced to inform prospective supporters. It will also be disseminated during visits abroad and at local functions. The brochure covers a bit of background on the foundation, with a summary on each peace park, the two colleges, the combatting wildlife crime and veterinary wildlife programmes, and a section on how to support the foundation at the end.

A newsflash was produced and disseminated:

- South Africa and Mozambique sign memorandum of understanding in the field of biodiversity / Further steps for rhino from the €15.4 million Dutch and Swedish postcode lotteries grant—on the



agreement signed between Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and Peace Parks Foundation to enhance existing rhino management and protection activities by Ezemvelo.

Media liaison

Owing to the concern about the large number of rhino being poached, media and the public continue to be interested in measures to counter wildlife crime and much time was spent in drafting text, fielding phone calls, forwarding information and setting up interviews.

The Franco-German television network Arte is making a series on peace parks and will be filming in North and South America, Korea, Africa and the Middle East. For Africa, the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park was selected and the crew will be spending time there in July. They will also interview the Peace Parks Foundation CEO. Apart from France and Germany, the series will also be broadcast in Denmark and in the Netherlands.

Film and photographs

Kim Steinberg, a professional lodge, travel and style photographer, is kindly allowing the foundation to use

her photographs of the Chemucane Lodge in its publications. See one of the photos below. The 22-bed community lodge is nearing completion and Kim's photographs are the first illustrating this new tourist destination.

Film footage on all past TFCA events and achievements is being sourced in preparation of compiling a new film in 2015. Most of the material is in the foundation's possession and where there is none, footage is being shot or obtained.



SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

TFCA VETERINARY PROGRAMME

Dr Richard Burroughs - Head: TFCA Veterinary Wildlife Programme (University of Pretoria)

To facilitate, through cooperation with relevant institutions and role players, both locally and internationally, the development, implementation and management of a research platform to support basic and applied research focused on the veterinary components of diseases at the interface as they affect humans, animals and environmental health in the SADC TFCA's.

The environmental impact study for the development of the Hans Hoheisen Wildlife Research Station was completed and permission given to develop it.

A post-graduate teaching programme based at the research station is still under development, and a dedicated staff member will guide this to fruition.

The University of Pretoria has registered the services of a hazardous waste company to fetch biological and chemical waste on request. Personnel have started a project to recycle glass at the research

station, at the local Hluvukani Clinic and within the community. Organic waste is being recycled for use as compost in the gardens at the accommodation facilities and laboratories.

Quality control systems have been implemented in the laboratories and 42 standard operating procedures were written and implemented as part of the accreditation process. Risk assessments were completed for all sections of the laboratory, accommodation, water plant, post mortem facilities and generator. The bio banking of samples for three complet-

ed studies was also performed.

In collaboration with Mpumalanga Tourism and Park Authority, a vegetation survey was performed. The research station also participated in the planning of a long-term tick survey study in the neighbouring area. Bat boxes were furthermore installed on many of the buildings.

Personnel have been sent to both first-aid and fire fighting courses, as part of occupational health and safety compliance regulations. The fire-trailer was also restored and is in working order.

COMBATTING WILDLIFE CRIME

Brad Poole—Technical Adviser

To assist the TFCA partner countries and their conservation agencies in developing strategies, in securing funds and in implementing key interventions to combat wildlife crime



RHINO PROTECTION PROGRAMME

Since the grant of €15.4 million by the Dutch and Swedish postcode lotteries was announced in February, planning and implementing the multifaceted Rhino Protection Programme got under way.

The Rhino Protection Programme Steering Committee comprises the Department of Environmental Affairs, South African National Parks, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and Peace Parks Foundation. Chairing the committee is Mr Fundisile Mketeni, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs.

The multi-pronged programme includes the following measures to augment the protection of rhino populations:

- as part of managing the asset, implementing techniques to reduce the value of the horn of live rhino, upon

conclusion of scientific research and trial projects;

- increasing the protection and security of rhino populations;
- supporting wildlife veterinary surgeons with the necessary resources to enable them to treat the rhino that survive the brutal attacks by poachers and to take rhino orphans into care;
- Using technology such as night vision equipment, unmanned aerial vehicles, improved field communications to augment existing anti-poaching activities;
- implementing counter-trafficking actions;
- launching an extensive international communications campaign to address and stimulate the reduction in consumer demand; and
- implementing community awareness projects.

As one of the first measures to be undertaken, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and Peace Parks Foundation on 9 April 2014 signed an agreement that will initiate the implementation of projects, valued at R26.8 million from the Dutch and Swedish postcode lotteries' grant, in KwaZulu-Natal to enhance existing rhino management and protection activities by Ezemvelo.

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TRAINING

SA COLLEGE FOR TOURISM

André Kilian - Executive Director

Hospitality Division: One training manager, four trainers, two training support staff and seven general staff members. **Tracker Academy:** One training manager, two trainers and one assessor

To train and capacitate unemployed and marginalised individuals, predominantly women, from rural communities in hospitality services and in tracking animals in the wild, to enable them to benefit from the opportunities offered by the nature-based tourism industry in or adjacent to the TFCAs.



The second intake of 2013 SA College for Tourism Tracker Academy students graduated at Londolozi Game Reserve on 31 May. Five of the eight achieved the Field Guides Association of Southern Africa Tracker level 3 qualification.

The assessment spans five days of intensive practical tracking skills which include observations of their ability to interpret all animal tracks, including that of birds and insects, follow a lion's trail until it is found, identify bird calls and tree and plant species native to the area.

Sihle Mlotshwa from KwaZulu-Natal was top student scoring an aggregate of 92%. Sihle has accepted employment at Shamwari Game Reserve in the Eastern Cape. Sicelo Kabalaza from Coffee Bay scored 97% in the Track & Sign component. Sicelo has joined the Sabi Sands wildlife protection department as a tracker. Another new Sabi Sands employee, Arab Mathebula, was judged top follower with 95% in his final FGASA assessment. Arab followed a single lioness for several hours

locating her on an outcrop where she was hiding her new-born cubs.

As one of three finalists for the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) Tourism for Tomorrow People Award, the Tracker Academy was represented by training manager, Alex van den Heever, at the WTTC's Global Summit from 23–25 April in China. All travel and accommodation expenses were covered by WTTC. Although not judged the winner, being a finalist nevertheless resulted in wide and favourable international exposure for the academy.

In terms of a new agreement, South African National Parks accepted 24 of the 2013 hospitality service graduates as interns at the end of April. The women were deployed to six different national parks.

The hospitality students had a busy and fruitful semester. During two days in April they catered a cocktail function for 100 guests, a picnic luncheon on a farm

in the district for 100 guests and a dinner for 120 guests. In May they hosted a luncheon for 10 guests and a conference and luncheon for 40 participants. In June 20 students served at a large pre-primary school function.

Following the mid-year exams, a shortlist of 40 students was submitted to the Drostyd Hotel, which will offer an in-service training lasting a year to 30 of the students once they've graduated.

Thank you to the Koos & Rona Rupert Education Trust for their very generous donation to the Tracker Academy.

During the quarter, grant agreements were signed with Absa Bank and with the Embassy of Finland to South Africa in respect of donations to the college in the amounts of R1.6 million and €152 000 (±R2.2 million) respectively.

The Tracker Academy graduates who qualified on 31 May



SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILDLIFE COLLEGE

Theresa Sowry - Chief Executive Officer, André Cornelius - Executive Manager: Operations, Sharmain Hanekom - Executive Manager: Finances and 71 staff members

The Southern African Wildlife College aims, through cutting edge, hands-on training programmes, to produce highly competent and motivated protected area managers that are able to manage and conserve their protected areas and associated fauna and flora on a sustainable basis within the stated conservation objectives and in cooperation with local communities.



The first half of 2014 has been a busy one with most of senior management involved with preparations for the expansion of the college. While the financial agreement between German Federal Ministry for Cooperation and Development through KfW and SADC is pending signature, progress has been made. As the college is keen to include the local community in the awarding of building contracts, the operations manager has been actively discussing these opportunities with the community.

The yearly marketing and fundraising trip to Europe is currently under way, with the CEO and the marketing manager visiting donors and supporters and exploring new opportunities in the Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, and Germany.

Training Updates:

The college's flagship Higher Education and Training accredited programme students are all currently back at their places of work. Annelize Steyn, the head of academic affairs, is visiting the students to ensure their workplace activities and projects are being completed in the correct manner. These visits allow the college to assess the working conditions that students face in their countries, i.e. access to resources and the levels of mentorship. The information thus gleaned is valuable when updating training practices. The students will return to the college in August 2014.

The college is currently training trainers for field ranger training. This programme, generously sponsored by Liberty Wildlife Fund, is ensuring that the capacity of

trainers in Africa is developed in local languages, including in Portuguese and in French. Once the capacity of trainers has been developed, more training at the local community level can be achieved.

The college's learnership department has secured additional training for students identified by South Africa's Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, in order to complete their training in resource guardianship. The programme was initiated two years ago and students have been trained in an ongoing manner since. The last group to be trained in this newly secured project will start in August. The South African National Parks learnership of 30 students is nearing completion.

The guiding and sustainable resource utilisation department has selected the next group of 12 young aspiring youth for the 2-year sustainable resource use programme. Six of these youth have been funded by the South African Department of Environmental Affairs' jobs fund programme, in an attempt to transform the industry.

The students for the Hans Hoheisen conservation and environmental bridging course have arrived at the college. These students have already undergone their leadership training and environmental education modules. Currently they are being exposed to the life of a field ranger, and the skills required to access the anti-poaching industry.

The community-based natural resource management training programme is developing from strength to strength, with

the pilot programmes, in association with Resource Africa and other local and international partners, being rolled out in Sabie Game Park in Mozambique and in the Makuleke communities in Kruger National Park. A big thank you to WWF South Africa for funding the salary of Rodgers Lubilo, who is working with local communities on governance training initiatives.

This department is also implementing the training for the GIZ-funded TFCA training in three pilot reserves, set to start this month.



The college's Bathawk aerial surveillance plane has flown over 300 hours in the past six months. The rhino distribution data collected from these flights is now the most comprehensive data set available. Ground to air communication is now part of the basic field ranger training programme. This is an important addition to the basic training, and a need identified by the conservation organisations for whom the college conducts training.



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