



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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In 2010 the Federal Republic of Germany, through GIZ, made funding available to investigate the development of the buffer zone along the Limpopo River of Mozambique's Limpopo National Park, as an integral component of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park and Conservation Area. Based on this investigation, Agence Française de Développement funded agricultural projects in the buffer zone that now include 18 community irrigation schemes, from which over 3 000 community members benefit. The communities belong to community associations and all reap the benefits of improved food nutrient value and food sustainability, as well as income generation.

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

The annual Peace Parks Foundation Advisory Committee Meeting was held at Mabula Lodge from 18–21 August 2014. The conservation agencies and ministries of 10 Southern African Development Community (SADC) TFCA partner countries were represented. Advice and guidance were provided to determine priorities for 2015 and beyond. These have since been included in the foundation's business plan for 2015–2019.

Over the past few years, the Mozambican government has launched extensive programmes and introduced new legislation to combat wildlife crime. To support the government, the Joaquim Chissano Foundation launched a Wildlife Preservation Initiative, in partnership with the Mozambican Ministry of Tourism, in November 2013. The launch marked the beginning of a strong public-private partnership in the field of conservation of flora and fauna between the government of Mozambique and the Joaquim Chissano Foundation. The partnership is aimed at preventing further loss of human lives, halting the poaching of protected species and the illegal trafficking of their trophies, and ensuring the protection and preservation of conservation areas for the current and future generations.

To help strengthen Mozambique's efforts to combat wildlife crime in and around Limpopo National Park in the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park and Conservation Area, Peace Parks Foundation on 21 August signed a project implementation contract with the Joaquim Chissano Foundation for projects valued at R17 million (\$1.54 million) from the €15.4 million Dutch and Swedish postcode lotteries grant. This was done under the auspices of the Rhino Protection Programme Steering Committee, chaired by the South African Department of Environmental Affairs.

A very sincere thank you to President Chissano for his tireless efforts not only to combat wildlife crime, but also to assist Peace Parks Foundation. President Chissano very kindly led a Peace Parks Foundation delegation on a fund development visit to the United States of America. This was a first for the foundation and the level of support and generosity we received was in no small way thanks to President Chissano's finely honed diplomatic skills. We also deeply appreciate every individual and organisation setting aside time and resources to accommodate us. A highlight of the visit was our participation in the Clinton Global Initiative in New York. This had been very kindly facilitated and arranged by the Dutch Postcode Lottery. Thank you, too, to Dr Bandile Mkhize, CEO of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, for kindly taking time to be the guest speaker that evening.

We are delighted to welcome Esri as a Peace Parks Foundation Club 21 member. Esri has been supporting the work of the foundation since 2000. Thanks to them, the foundation has been able to facilitate the region's TFCAs based on sound GIS work, planning and mapping. Thank you very much for your tremendous support, Esri and we look forward to working with you for many years to come.



Members of the Advisory Committee and staff



Dr Bandile Mkhize, CEO of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York. Photo: Clinton Global Initiative 2014



Mr Vance Martin, Mr Werner Myburgh, Ms Laura Turner Seydel, Mr Rutherford Seydel and Ms Sally Ann Ranney with President Chissano, and Mr Ted Turner in front. The Turner Foundation is a Club 21 member

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)

Joint meetings, patrols and operations continued to be undertaken by the transfrontier park's management committee.

Peace Parks Foundation assisted with the development of the Legacy Trail, which will be utilised during the Desert Knights Mountain Biking events, and then serve as the basis for local mountain biking trails in the park. The development involves designing the trail, mapping, construction and indicators along the route.

The 2014 Desert Knights mountain bike tour saw 120 cyclists cover 280 km between 24 and 30 September. It involved five days of cycling, some of it at night under the full moon, and one day of canoeing on the Orange River. The aim of the event is to contribute towards unlocking the tourism potential of the transfrontier park. Proceeds of the tour support joint conservation activities in the park.



Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (Botswana/South Africa)



The Turner Foundation is kindly supporting a lion collaring project. Data obtained from the study will be used as the basis for a programme to reduce human/wildlife conflict in and around Kgalagadi. Data on lion outbreaks over the past three years will also be included. The African lion is listed as at a high risk of endangerment in the wild in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, given that the overall population has declined by 30 - 50% in the last 20 years. In the Kgalagadi, lions are an iconic species and key to tourism experiences and expectations. Lions are considered to be apex predators and are keystone ecological drivers in the ecosystems in which they occur. A recent research study conducted in the South African section of the Kgalagadi

Transfrontier Park has shown that the lion population may face imminent threats to their survival.

The transfrontier park's management committee continued their collaborative activities and monthly planning meetings. The committee endorsed the integrated development plan, which will now be prepared for presentation to other key structures in both countries. World Ranger Day was celebrated at a joint function, involving staff from both countries, on 31 July 2014.

!AE!HAI KALAHARI HERITAGE PARK

Thanks to funding from Rotary and the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, the con-

struction of the tented camp at Erin has made good progress. Six wooden decks were constructed and two ablutions blocks, six safari tents and a central kitchen tent erected, while water pipes were installed by the game rangers. Furniture was also purchased, all to have the camp operational by the end of November.

The installation of satellite internet and phones has improved communications significantly.

Wildlife Ranchers of South Africa has kindly donated R50 000 to support training in sustainable resource use, which makes a significant financial contribution to the park.

Greater Mapungubwe TFCA (Botswana/ South Africa / Zimbabwe)



Botswana's Minister of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism, Tshekedi Khama (middle) participated in this year's Tour de Tuli

Peace Parks Foundation provided logistical support to Children in the Wilderness's Nedbank Tour de Tuli. This, the 10th edition of the event, saw 340 participants cycle across over 250 km of challenging and remote terrain in the three partner countries from 1–6 August.

A training course was successfully conducted in Mapungubwe National Park and World Heritage Site from 28 July–1 Au-

gust. Participants included rangers and resource managers from all three partner countries. The outcomes include the creation of a Whatsapp group named GMTFCA, the compilation of monthly reports as a means of information sharing, informal river meetings between rangers, pre-assessment for a Green Economy project and a proposal for enhancing cross-border communications in the TFCA.

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



Traillists cross the Limpopo River that forms the border between South Africa and Zimbabwe

Detailed planning and support was provided to Wilderness Safaris for another successful cross-border wilderness trail, the Trans-Limpopo Walking Trail, which was held in the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park from 5 - 8 September this year. The trail was also linked to a one-day Shangane cultural event in the Sengwe Area, resulting in the flow of tangible benefits to two of Great Limpopo's community areas.

SAVE VALLEY CONSERVANCY PROJECT

The collection of data and recording of the different research projects are ongoing. Meanwhile, three selection and training courses were held. These consisted of foot drills, weapon handling, radio procedures, GPS instructions, lectures and field training in tracking instructions, combined with patrolling formations, and area sweeping/ searching techniques. Suitable candidates for the special species protection unit were selected from this training, while the remaining men were deployed to the ranch scouts unit.

The refurbishment of four schools, Chinyika, Chedutu, Uteke and Maronga has been completed. Environmental education courses for school groups are ongoing.

LIMPOPO NATIONAL PARK

The park is participating in the Great Elephant Census — an effort to count savannah elephant populations across

sub-Saharan Africa in response to the current escalating wave of poaching sweeping across Africa.

The voluntary resettlement programme entails relocating 1 370 households from eight villages in the park to ensure that the core zone is fully protected. Thus far two villages, comprising 181 families, have been resettled outside the park. A further village, Massingir Velho, with 300 families has had 80% of its houses constructed and families have already started relocating. Houses are presently being constructed to resettle Bingo (160 families) and Makandazulo (130 families) during 2015.

A new protection coordinator was appointed in Limpopo National Park and started work on 4 August 2014. A total of 30 poachers (43 in 2013) and 15 rifles (22 in 2013) were seized in the park by the end of August.

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

In the beginning of July, seven cyclists undertook the inaugural Lubombo Transfrontier mountain bike tour from Mhlu -meni in Swaziland to Ubombo in South Africa. The ride took five days and covered approximately 280 km along the rough spine of the Lebombo Mountains. The purpose of the mini expedition was to link the key features along the Lebombo Mountains and investigate the possibility of establishing a transfrontier mountain bike network.

Personnel from Maputo Special Reserve, Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve and Songimvelo Game Reserve attend-

ed a Communication and Protected Area and Security Operations Training course, while personnel from Songimvelo and Malotja nature reserves attended an Integrated Fire Management course, both at the Southern African Wildlife College.

Maputo Special Reserve and Tembe Elephant Park now have a transfrontier park management committee to provide direction and guidance on the implementation of the two parks' joint operational strategy, approved in March this year. The committee will also ensure the appropriate consultation and



Mr Richard Scutte of Tembe Elephant Park and Mr Rodolfo Cumbane of Maputo Special Reserve sign the transfrontier park management committee's terms of reference

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

the inclusion of relevant stakeholders for the effective joint management of the two reserves.

PONTA DO OURO PARTIAL MARINE RESERVE

One of the NGO partners involved in the annual turtle monitoring, Centro Terra Viva has confirmed that, apart from technical support, they will also donate \$9 000 for the next turtle season.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FACILITY (CDF)

A workshop was held with community stakeholders and park staff to review the community action plan and to identify potential community development projects.

Crispin Muchindo, field coordinator for the Simalaha Community Conservancy's conservation agriculture project, visited the reserve during August to train agriculture extension staff and farmers from the Massohane and Gala communities.

The following progress was made with implementing the CDF projects, funded by COMON Foundation:

Matutuine District Water Supply Project:

Five new boreholes were drilled, to supply a total of 1 727 households (10 362 people) with fresh drinking water.



With support from the Turing Foundation, two all-terrain vehicles were purchased for beach patrols by the marine rangers. Here Miguel Gonçalves (far right), the marine reserve's warden and administrator is seen handing one of the vehicles to the rangers

Chemucane Community Lodge Hospitality Training:

The training of the first eight students by the SA College for Tourism was completed and the course for the remaining eight students will start in January 2015.

Matchia Community Chili Project:

The design of the storeroom was completed and a new irrigation pump is being procured. Ploughing and ridging of the land is under way and 60 000 new seedlings are being planted. A vehicle

was delivered for the farm manager's day to day management of the project.

Bindzu & Tchia Agricultural Project:

The community was registered as a legal entity and a contractor approved to erect greenhouses for vegetables. Once operational, it the project will provide an income to 30 farmers and food security to 150 people.

Malawi/Zambia TFCA's (Malawi / Zambia)

A refresher course in law enforcement took place at Bambanda-Zaro involving 33 wildlife police officers and parks and wildlife assistants. The course included topics on investigations, search operations, discipline, and use of GPS and data management.

A recent analysis of the law enforcement situation in the Nyika component indicated a 60% decline in poaching between 2013 and 2014. Incidents relating to the killing of animals have declined by 40% over the same period. Anecdotal evidence also suggests an improvement in key species populations on the Nyika plateau. These improvements are attributed to the support provided by the TFCA structures. However, poaching is still high.



Two housing units at Njalanyankhunda camp in Nyika National Park are now ready for occupation. An office block at the same camp has reached roof level. At Kaperekezi camp, construction of an

operations room was completed. Re-construction of the Zambia guest house is at roof level. Good progress was made on the construction of the fence at Vwaza, with 60% of the work done.

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



The Kadans Foundation delegation with Senior Chief Inyambo Yeta and his advisers, with the zebra, in whose capture and release the delegation participated, on the right

SIMALAHA COMMUNITY CONSERVANCY

Conservancy management

During August the conservancy manager, the KAZA liaison officer, Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) officials, working group tribal leaders from both chiefdoms and village action group representatives from the Simalaha Community Conservancy travelled to the Salambala Conservancy in the Namibia's Zambezi Region to exchange ideas and experiences on conservancy management.

Permanent field rangers

The 22 field rangers have been divided into four groups for management and deployment. They been working in the field under the supervision of the conservancy manager, assisted by a member of ZAWA from Sesheke. Regular patrols have been carried out in both chiefdoms.

Fire management

During August, accidental fires broke out in the sanctuary. Fortunately the fire-breaks prepared earlier in the season restricted the fires to manageable blocks.

Wildlife translocation

On 24 September a Kadans Foundation delegation visited the conservancy and met with Senior Chief Inyambo Yeta, after which they witnessed the release of 50 zebra into the reserve. Following this, they visited the conservation agriculture projects, which Kadans Foundation, along with Hitachi Data Systems and Hercuton, as well as the Swedish Postcode Lottery, are funding. About 850 different species of wildlife will be translocated to the Simalaha to populate the conservancy. The programme was started in 2013, when 100 impala and 135 blue wildebeest were released into the conservancy, marking the first time that wildlife was brought back after becoming locally extinct more than 40 years ago.

Conservation Agriculture

During July three members of the Hitachi Data Systems team visited the Simalaha Community Conservancy in order to film a video for training target farmers. The exercise commenced with an interview of Senior Chief Inyambo Yeta of Mwandu, followed by an interview with the district

agricultural coordinator for the Mwandu District. Days were also spent in the field filming of the key aspects of the methods used in conservation farming.

Twelve contact farmers were trained for the new group, with six farmers recruited from each chiefdom. These farmers will, in turn, train over 200 new smallholder farmers. To assist with this, 24 bicycles were purchased and distributed to the contact farmers from the previous cycle as well as the new group. Hitachi Data Systems visited Simalaha in September to deliver the training videos and to show the contact farmers how to use the tablets for training.

During 2014, crops such as sorghum, finger millet and sweet potatoes were added to the crops to be planted by conservation farmers. During August Chrispin Muchindo also purchased cassava cuttings and cattle manure for the farmers. Farmers have requested that bee-keeping be added to the farming programme.

During the quarter, the conservancy hosted a Southern African Development Community (SADC) delegation, who came to witness first-hand the success of the conservation agriculture project. On average the farmers who used the conservation farming methods during the 2013 season harvested two tonnes of maize per hectare compared to 0.2 tonnes per hectare in the previous year when they were following conventional farming methods. The farmer who performed the best harvested 5 tonnes per hectare and the farmer who performed the worst has harvested 1 tonne per hectare. The visit was very successful, with much interest being shown by representatives from Angola and Tanzania.



Chrispin Muchindo, the field coordinator for the conservancy's conservation agriculture project, being interviewed by the Hitachi crew

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.

ArcGIS Portal

The development of the foundation's own ArcGIS Portal, a new component of ESRI's ArcGIS suite of software, has been the focus during this reporting period. As its name suggests, it will function as a hub from which all map services the foundation produces could be managed. It will include map services that could be used internally, for example showing theme-based fund development incomes per country of origin. It will also include maps being derived from and published for public consumption, such as the recent route descriptions for the /Ai/Ais-Richtersveld Desert Knights mountain bike tour.

Desert Knights

Support was provided to the /Ai/Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park's joint management board by way of trail and route design and comprehensive and interactive mapping for the Desert Knights mountain bike tour, held from 24–30 September. In addition, the foundation assisted as route coordinator and cycle leaders for the participants, who this year numbered more than 100. The event was enjoyed by all, with many participants enthusing about the unique nature of the event and its excellent logistical support.

Tour de Tuli

Similarly, support was provided to map and visualise the various stages of the 2014 edition of Children in the Wilderness's Tour de Tuli, in the Greater Mapungubwe TFCA. While there, discussions were held with the SANParks regional manager to assist with planning, and to recommend technologies to harmonise data collection and the reporting of incidences in the TFCA. Peace Parks Foundation will assist with the purchase of devices for data collection, while providing expertise on the management and reporting of these data and information.

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife

To support their anti-poaching operations, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife was assisted with investigating a holistic approach to inte-

grating data and information from various technologies into a central information system that will allow for informed decision-making and for easier management of the data. This support will continue in the months to come and the various methods of sharing, exchanging and managing the data will be tested.

KAZA TFCA Master IDP

The KAZA TFCA's master integrated development plan was completed. The foundation supported the process with detailed mapping of the various thematic areas. GIS is also being used to assist with detailed land-use planning in each of the wildlife dispersal areas, to effectively

optimise ecological connectivity and to specify how natural resources could be optimally and sustainably utilised.

Mapping Support

Mapping support was provided to Maputo Special Reserve and Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve and to Kgalagadi and Great Limpopo transfrontier parks and to /Ai/Ais-Richtersveld, Greater Mapungubwe and Malawi-Zambia TFCAs.



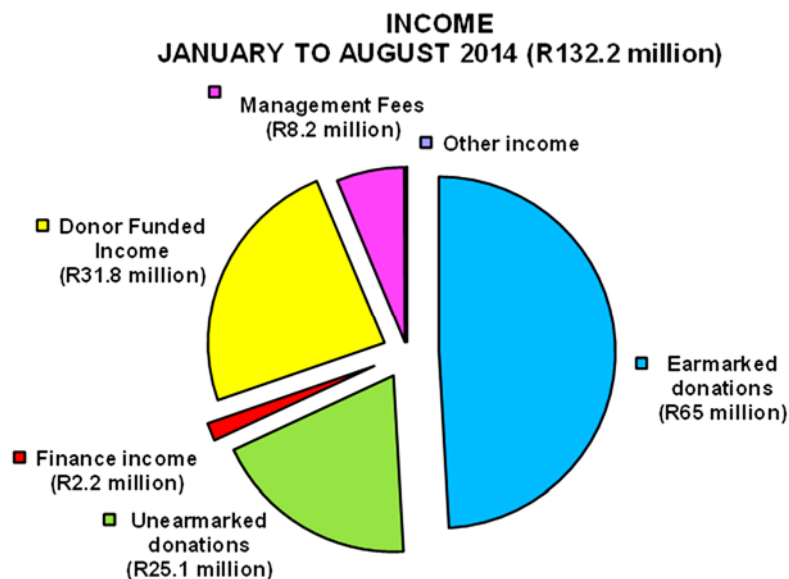
FINANCE AND OFFICE MANAGEMENT

Lize-Mari Lynch—Financial Manager, Annine Jansen van Vuuren—Accountant, Con Cornelissen—Accountant, JP Theart—Accountant, Louis Basson—Assistant Accountant, Louisé Rossouw—Assistant-Accountant: Financial Reporting, Lorrianne Joone—Financial Assistant. Dyan Lee—Coordinator: Human Resources and Office Management, Talia Gründlingh—Travel Administrator, Janine Hartzenberg—General Administrative Assistant, Dawid Erasmus—Messenger, Salomie Erasmus—Housekeeping

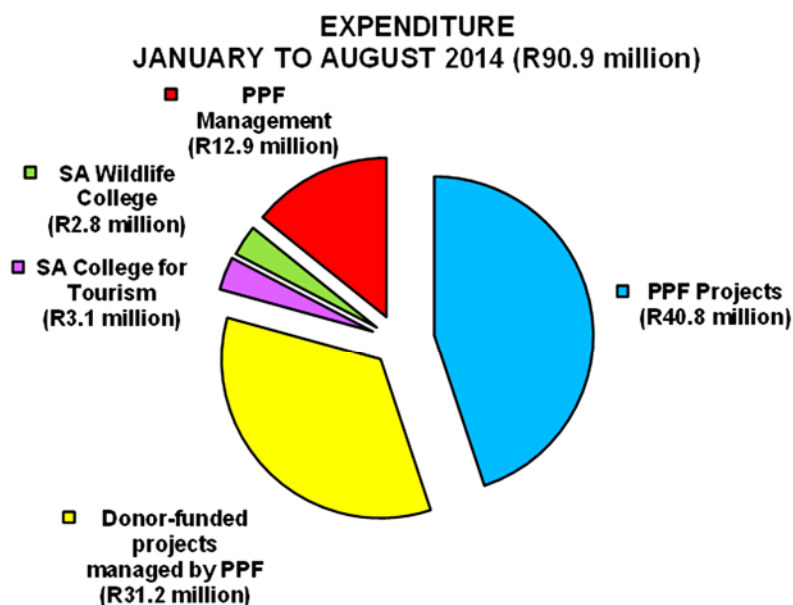
To develop and maintain accounting and control systems that will ensure accurate accounting records, reliable financial reports, compliance with company and tax laws, the protection of assets and the efficient management of funds, including payments and receipts.

Financial overview for the period January to August 2014

Income: Full year 2014 budgeted income is R186 million. Income for the period amounted to R132.2 million as follows:



Expenditure: Full year 2014 budgeted expenses is R206 million. Expenditure, including project capital purchases, for the period amounted to R90.9 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.

Fund development trip

As part of its 2014 fund development calendar, President Joaquim Chissano, former president of Mozambique and Peace Parks Foundation board member headed a delegation on a fundraising trip to the USA from 12–26 September. The delegation included Mr Werner Myburgh and Ms Lisa Thompson-Smeddle from the Peace Parks Foundation, Mr Nuno Tomas, adviser to President Chissano, Mr Tomas Mabuiangue from the Joaquim Chissano Foundation and Mr Vance Martin, who heads the Peace Parks Foundation US entity.

Fundraising events were held in Georgia, Virginia, Washington DC and New York. Mr Neville and Mrs Pamela Isdell hosted a gala fundraising dinner event at their home in Atlanta. This event was well attended and guests enjoyed a film outlining the foundation's programmes and projects and presentations given by President Chissano and Mr Myburgh.

Mrs Maggie Bryant hosted a fundraising dinner event on her farm in Middleburg, Virginia, while Mr Alejandro Tawil facilitated a luncheon with Mr and Mrs Paul Tierney and guests in Darien, Connecticut.

Mr Vance Martin, together with Ms Susan Lylis facilitated a luncheon with the International Conservation Caucus Foundation, a US non-profit organisation that sets the conservation and environmental agenda by coordinating people with scientific expertise, organisations that support and manage programmes on the ground, and policymakers who shape legislation.

The delegation also met with some of the largest conservation organisations in the world, including but not limited to: Conservation International, International Fund for Animal Welfare, US Fish and Wildlife Ser-



President Joaquim Chissano with Ms Maggie Bryant, a Peace Parks Club Founder Member who has been a major supporter of the foundation's work since 1997

vice, African Wildlife Foundation, the Turner Foundation, USAID, International Rhino Foundation, Commonland Foundation, Wildlife Conservation Society, Panthera, the International Congressional Caucus Foundation, National Geographic Society, Environmental Investigation Agency, The Nature Conservancy and CARE.

One of the many highlights of the trip was the inclusion of Peace Parks Foundation in the Clinton Global Initiative, thanks to the Dutch Postcode Lottery. The rhino protection programme was highlighted during a 'Call to Action' dinner.

The USA visit resulted in many new contacts being made, including potential new club members and funding partners.

Club 21, corporate and individual memberships

The foundation's Club 21, corporate and individual members remain key supporters. Club 21 fees strengthen the foundation's capital fund, which, over the past five years, has contributed an average of 27% to the total annual operational budget. Peace Parks Club fees, together with interest from the capital fund, support head office operations and critical programmes.

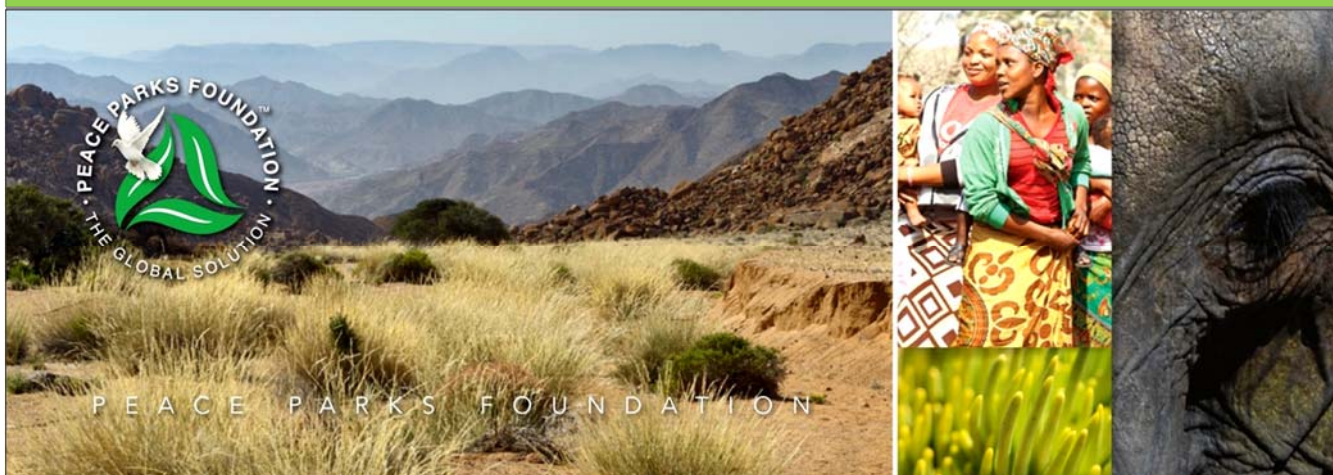
We warmly welcome Esri as a new Club 21 member and Mr Jürg Steinacher, who joined the Peace Parks Club on his 70th birthday. Thank you to Mr Tony van Ryneveld, Mr Alexander P van Heeren, Mrs Erna Meaker and Mrs Marie Louise Sulzer who have renewed their current club memberships for a further 10 years. Thank you very much to Mr Louis Nielsen and to Mr Jacques Bemberg, who have upgraded their current club memberships.

Club members get invited to participate in exclusive behind the scenes visits to some of the most interesting conservation projects in Africa. During these visits, the club members accompany staff on visits to the field, community development and research projects, on wildlife translocations, or visit the Southern African Wildlife College and the SA College for Tourism and its Tracker Academy.

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.



The new Peace Parks Foundation brochure

Website

The Peace Parks Foundation [Facebook page](#) was connected to the website, which means that every news story can now be linked to the Facebook page, where the first paragraph will automatically appear.

News stories are also tweeted on the foundation's [Twitter account](#).

Publications

The 2013 Peace Parks Foundation Annual Review & Financial Statements were finalised, printed, disseminated and [uploaded to the website](#). Bulk copies were also couriered to the foundation's offices and major supporters abroad.

The Peace Parks Foundation brochure layout was completed and the publication proofread, finalised, printed and [uploaded to the website](#).

A [newsflash](#) on Rhino Protection Programme making inroads to combat rhino poaching was disseminated.

Media releases were drafted and the necessary approval obtained for the following:

- The visit of a delegation led by President Joaquim Chissano to the US for dissemination by the US office to the local media;

- [KwaZulu-Natal projects](#) funded from the €15.4 million Dutch and Swedish postcode lotteries grant; and
- The project implementation contracts signed by Peace Parks Foundation with its partners.

Media liaison

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

Film and photographs

A [short film](#) on saving southern Africa's rhino was edited for the Clinton Global Initiative dinner in New York on 22 September. This was done in cooperation with the Dutch Postcode Lottery. A script was drafted and sent to the lottery for input. While most footage was gleaned from existing material, a film crew also visited Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park to film wildlife rangers, drone work and rhino from 24 - 29 August. Thank you very much to Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife for their assistance and support with the crew's visit.

A crew was contracted to film and photograph the Hans Hoheisen Wildlife Research Station community work for the planned Peace Parks Foundation film.

A crew was also contracted to film and photograph the zebra translocation to the Simalaha Community Conservancy, which served as illustrative material for the [website](#) and publications.

We sincerely appreciate the continued support by [Koos van der Lende](#) and [Michael Viljoen](#), which enables the foundation to illustrate the beauty of the TFCAs on its website and in its publications. Thank you to [Heinrich van den Berg](#) for his kind collaboration over many years and to [Children in the Wilderness](#) for their assistance with photos that illustrate the annual review and brochure.

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 TFCAs.

HANS HOHEISEN WILDLIFE RESEARCH STATION

The environmental impact assessment was finalised and approval given for the extensions of waste disposal and keeping of pets on site.

The chemical storage cabinets supplied by the University of Pretoria were installed and are in use.

The Service Level Agreement with the Southern African Wildlife College was extended with some modifications, requiring the purchase of basic equipment for maintenance of the research station.

A collaborative survey project on rodents and parasites was done in conjunction with the University of Pretoria, University of Stellenbosch and UC Davis students, focusing largely on the Manyeleti area.

A number of potential researchers from the University of Pretoria and the National Institute of Communicable Diseases were hosted with a view to undertaking collaborative projects.

A full-time academic staff member has been allocated to develop a post-graduate programme focusing on issues and topics that are of relevance to interface and TFCAs specifically.

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

Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park

On 21 August Peace Parks Foundation signed a project implementation contract with the Joaquim Chissano Foundation, which is working with the Mozambican government to combat wildlife crime in and around Limpopo National Park in the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park.

KwaZulu-Natal

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife has started implementing a suite of projects to the value of R26.8 million (€1.89 million) as part of the Rhino Protection Programme, funded by the €15.4 million Dutch and Swedish postcode lotteries grant to Peace Parks Foundation in February 2014.

The following projects are now under way:

- Field rangers are being trained and the skills of existing staff have been enhanced;
- Detectives and prosecutors are undergoing wildlife crime scene training courses;
- Rangers are being supported with operational and tactical equipment



Dr Leonardo S. Simão, Executive Director of the Joaquim Chissano Foundation and Mr Werner Myburgh, CEO of Peace Parks Foundation, shake hands on the project implementation agreement, valued at R17 million (\$1.54 million) from the €15.4 million Dutch and Swedish postcode lotteries grant

- such as night vision goggles;
- Secure communication networks are being established across the province's rhino reserves;
- The use of technology in the form of surveillance cameras at strategic locations and the testing of unmanned
- aerial vehicles (drones); and
- Resources have been provided to strengthen the capacity of wildlife veterinary surgeons to treat the rhino that survive the brutal attacks by poachers and to take rhino orphans into care.

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.



Mr Thembi Klaas, Public Sector Head, Absa Eastern Cape (left) and Mr Andy de la Mare, Absa Corporate Social Investment Manager, Absa Eastern Cape (front) with the hospitality students holding the R1.6 million cheque

An audit team of the Education and Training Quality Assurance (ETQA) division of the Culture, Art, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Sector Education and Training Authority (CATHSSETA) visited the college in September. The team audited nine management spheres, including Assets, Financial, General, Student and Training Management with a view of advising CATHSSETA on the continued accreditation of the two training programmes of the college. The accreditation with CATHSSETA dates back to 2003 and the college is subjected to a full audit by the ETQA every second year.

As was the case with previous audits, the college again passed the audit without a single negative comment from either team member which. As a result ETQA advised CATHSSETA that the college's accreditation as a fully accredited national training provider will be extended to 30 July 2019.

The Tracker Academy passed its first ever reaccreditation audit with flying colours.

The head of the ETQA was quite ebullient in his praise of the programme and the academy's training, assessing and moderating practices. So much so that he encouraged the academy to, in future, register its graduates with Department of Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism as nature guides. He promised CATHSSETA's full cooperation to make this possible, saying that such an arrangement would afford both the trainees and the academy much wider recognition in the tourism industry. The academy was also encouraged to apply to CATHSSETA to also accredit its tracker training programme as a nature guide training programme.

CATHSSETA granted full approval to the Drostdy Hotel training programmes. This will enable the Drostdy to offer two full qualifications in Professional Cookery and Food and Beverage Management to the college's graduates. The Drostdy Learnership Programme will start with 30 graduates on 1 November, in time for the hotel's opening on 27 November.

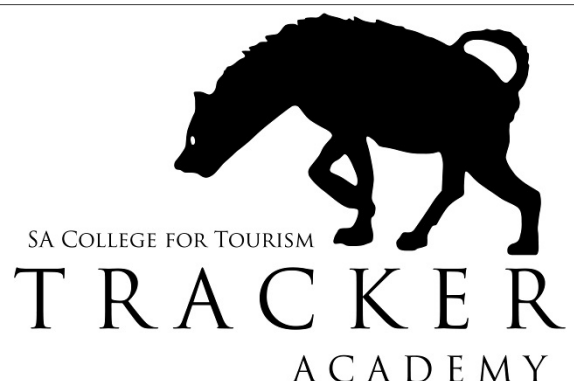
In August, the Tracker Academy conducted its second higher level pilot training programme in preparation for accreditation of a Lead Tracker course with CATHSSETA. The programme comprised a six-day practical tracking assessment of eight experienced trackers who were assessed on track and sign identification, following of animal trails, approaching dangerous game on foot and bird alarm calls. Lead Tracker assessment is the most rigorous and detailed tracking assessment administered by the academy and to be awarded the certificate requires that the candidate pass all components.

The academy has also joined forces with the University of Limpopo to formally record bird alarm calls, with the aim of better interpreting these calls.

Absa very kindly donated another R1.6 million to the college and the Embassy of Finland over R1 million. Other donors this quarter include the Anglo American Chairman's Fund, the Rupert Nature Foundation and The Sabi Sand Pfunanai Trust.



The 2014 Lead Tracker participants and their evaluators



SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILDLIFE COLLEGE

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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.



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African Field Ranger Training Services

The division started with the much awaited Train-the-Trainer course on 6 July. The course produced five good trainers for the division and four Swahili-speaking trainers for Tanzania. The division was also involved in the Hans Hoheisen Charitable Trust Bridging course.

An advanced field ranger course, attended by SANParks staff from Mapungubwe National Park in the Greater Mapungubwe TFCA, was held at college from 22 June to 4 July. The course was small and focused on the skills required to operate at the advanced level and resulted in high-quality advanced field rangers.

A highly successful Team Leaders course was presented for Kruger National Park sergeants from 7–11 July.

Field Ranger training started on 15 September. The course includes 13 Ethiopian students. This is the first time the division is working alongside Ethiopia's field ranger corps.

The Jobs Fund programme has continued deployment to the Kruger National Park, to the benefit of both the park and the students. Skills include tactical tracking, weapons and musketry training. These, combined with improved mentorship, have paid off well during deployment.

Best Practice Learning-by-Doing

The college has been working in close partnership with Sabi Game Park and government partners in Mozambique. The Community-based natural resources management training promotes the improvement of sustainable livelihoods of the five

villages of Mangalana in Mozambique and ultimately targets the reduction of illegal transfrontier wildlife trade in the buffer zones of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park. Training includes equitable benefit sharing, participatory budgeting, participatory decision-making and financial management and conformance monitoring. Training workshops and field discussions of village-based constitution building, participatory governance, and conformance and performance monitoring systems were also conducted with the Makuleke Community Protected Area in Great Limpopo between May and July. Livelihood survey and participatory rural appraisals in the three villages of Makuleke to analyse and understand vulnerabilities were conducted at the same time.

Nature-Based Economy Training

This training for vulnerable women in rural areas is currently being piloted by the college in Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe. The course targets natural resource-based enterprise development linked to local livelihoods and conservation with a focus on a 'women and plants' theme to balance to the historical focus on 'men and meat'. The training, mentoring and scaling out lessons on how to build resilient rural micro-economies is important for incentive-based conservation.

Transfrontier Conservation Area Training

Training was conducted in the Greater Mapungubwe TFCA from 28 July–1 August, Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park from 18–22 August and the Lubombo TFCA from 6–12 September. A common challenge experienced is the lack of cross-border radio communication. Training in communication and law enforcement

dealt with these realities and standard operating procedures for law enforcement operations were compiled. Training will be conducted next in the Maloti Drakensberg TFCA from 22–26 September, Chimanimani TFCA from 6–10 October and Malawi-Zambia TFCA from 20–24 October.

Bridging Course

The 24 students completed their four-month training before being deployed on state-owned nature reserves in Limpopo Province from 4 August to 3 October. While on the reserves, they are exposed to the life of a field ranger, anti-poaching activities and living in the real bush. They also engage with the local communities and schools surrounding the reserves.

Operations

The Research and Development business unit secured funding from the Norwegian Programme for Capacity Development in Higher Education and Research for Development. The funds were awarded for vehicles and operations of the research unit and to develop research facilities. Researchers often visit the college and due to the shortage of accommodation, have to stay off-site. Thanks to the funding, six tented units are being constructed by staff. The units will add an additional 12 beds to the current college accommodation of 168.

On 11 August the college received a new vehicle sponsored by The Rufford Foundation. The vehicle seats 27 passengers, and brings with it a major relief to the shortage of transport we experienced. It will transport staff from the main gate, students to nearby villages and large groups on the premises during training.



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