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Turtle monitoring season in Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve, the Mozambican component of Africa's first transfrontier marine conservation area, started on 1 October and will continue until April 2015. Throughout the season, reserve management and turtle monitors undertake vehicle and foot patrols of the turtle nesting sites, the primary goal being to protect the nesting females and their eggs and also to monitor the number coming ashore to nest. Local community members are trained as turtle monitors annually and this year 46 monitors are assisting staff. The turtle monitoring programme links up with the one across the border in South Africa's iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a World Heritage Site, where turtles have been monitored since 1963.

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 the peace parks concept, as well as project and financial management expertise and skills.

Liaison with donors and significant events

On 29 October project implementation contracts were signed between the government of Mozambique, the Joaquim Chissano Foundation and Peace Parks Foundation. As part of the contracts, Peace Parks Foundation will be investing R30 million and offering material support and assistance to strengthen Mozambique's efforts to combat wildlife crime. The focus will be on the development of dedicated anti-poaching operations in and around Limpopo National Park, an integral component of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park and Conservation Area. The financial investment forms part of the €15.4 million Dutch and Swedish postcode lotteries grants allocated to Peace Parks Foundation's Rhino Protection Programme earlier this year.

Peace Parks Foundation and a number of staff participated in the [IUCN's World Parks Congress](#), held in Sydney from 12–19 November. The theme for the congress was *Parks, People, Planet: Inspiring Solutions*. Obtaining an honourable mention during the opening ceremony laid the basis for interaction with several organisations and ministries. These were additional to the formal participation in panel discussions, presentations and workshops. The latter included workshops on tourism in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) transfrontier conservation areas (TFCAs), TFCA development and best practice, measuring the performance of TFCAs as a guideline for attaining progress, and rhino poaching in the southern African region. A wide interest was shown by a number of countries on other continents and several marine TFCAs in the foundation's processes and procedures for TFCA development.

We are deeply honoured by President Peter Mutharika of Malawi agreeing to become an honorary patron of Peace Parks Foundation. We have been working closely with the Malawi Department of National Parks and Wildlife for the past 13 years on developing the Malawi-Zambia TFCA and we are therefore delighted with the patronage of President Mutharika.

The year was crowned with Peace Parks Foundation receiving the much coveted South African National Parks (SANParks) Kudu Award on 27 November. The foundation won the Corporate Contribution to Conservation Award (Associated Partner). TFCA development has always been an exemplary process of partnerships and SANParks and Peace Parks Foundation have been jointly developing TFCAs for many years. We deeply appreciate the award and the recognition and we look forward to continue working with SANParks on TFCAs.



Dr Bartolomeu Soto, Director-General of Mozambique's National Administration for Conservation Areas and Mr Werner Myburgh sign the project implementation contract



Mr Glenn Phillips, SANParks acting CEO, Mr Kuseni Dlamini, SANParks Chairman and Mr Christian des Closieres, MD and CEO of Total South Africa hand the Kudu Award to Mr Craig Beech, Peace Parks Foundation Information Systems Manager



On 5 April 2012, the inaugural Anton Rupert Award for Lifetime Achievement in Conservation was presented to Dr Player for the exceptional contribution that he has made in conservation. With Dr Player and Mr Myburgh, are Mrs Ann Player and Dr Frank Raimondo, Peace Parks Foundation Director.

The conservation world suffered a major loss when Dr Ian Player passed away on 30 November. One of his greatest contributions was spearheading an initiative to save the white rhino from extinction through Operation Rhino in the late 1960s. At a time when this species is again facing extinction, we shall continue to honour Dr Player's legacy.

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 /Ai/Ais-Richtersveld was showcased at the World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia. Mr Nick de Goede, park manager for the South African side, was involved in *Protected Areas under Government Governance* where he led discussions on the harmonisation of South African and Namibian policies regarding the management of the park, and *Effective and Equitable Governance of the Landscape*,

where he presented a case study on the success of the transfrontier park in all facets of transboundary conservation. He was also involved in media-related discussions and filming, including with National Geographic on 'a day in the life of a park manager' and on transboundary conservation, focusing on the successes of the /Ai-/Ais-Richtersveld.

Back home, joint management and operations continued. Planning is also under way for the Desert Knights mountain bike tour event from 30 April–6 May and from 24–30 September this year, as well as for the development of the Desert Kayak Trails as a cross-border tourism product.

Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (Botswana/South Africa)



Staff from Botswana and South Africa now work together to ensure that visitors adhere to park regulations in order to protect the fragile desert environment and its wildlife. Staff from the Botswana Police, the departments of Wildlife and National Parks and of Immigration conduct joint patrols with staff from South African National Parks and the South African Police Service. During these patrols vehicles are stopped, passports and permits checked

and vehicles opened to verify that no illegal substance is being transported. The patrols make for a safe environment for visitors to Kgalagadi.

The patrols are overseen by the park's joint management committee and guided by the park's joint operational strategy. Other joint activities include the management of the park's predators, the management of the movement of people, goods and services,

road maintenance and the upgrade of the boundary fence.

A WiFi service has been installed at Twee Rivieren/Two Rivers entrance gate and rest camp, Mata-Mata, Nosob, Mabuasehube and Kaa. This has eased communications between the Botswana and South African park management teams, as well as with visitors, especially regarding information and reservations.

!AE!HAI KALAHARI HERITAGE PARK

Thanks to funding from Rotary and the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, the tented camp at Erin was completed. It consists of six safari tents with wooden decks, ablution blocks and a central kitchen.

Greater Mapungubwe TFCA (Botswana/ South Africa / Zimbabwe)

Joint working group meetings and a Trilateral Task Team meeting were held with the main outcomes being:

- The Mapungubwe Adventure Trail remains a priority and SANParks has availed the Vhembe Wilderness Trail Camp for use in this;
- The Tuli Circle Safari Area's management plan has been completed;
- Peace Parks Foundation was requested to assist with the develop-

ment of standard operating procedures for joint activities, especially for cross-border tourism products;

- Two community development trusts, in Botswana and in Zimbabwe, have been established. These trusts ensure that the communities benefit from tourism to the area.

A team of 13 rangers (six from South Africa and seven from Zimbabwe) held their second bilateral meeting on anti-

poaching. Recommendations were made for working more closely with the police and defence forces responsible for border patrol.

Peace Parks Foundation procured radio communication equipment for the TFCA. The park management committee handed these to resource managers and staff working on the ground.

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



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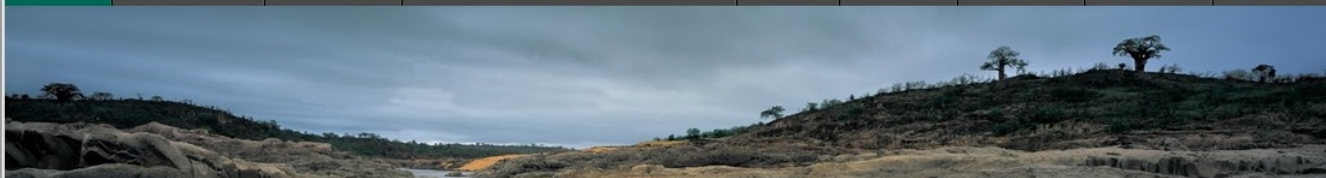
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The Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park [website](#)

In a major step to market Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park, it launched its own website, [Face-book page](#) and [Twitter](#) account in October.

The transfrontier park's international coordinator participated in the World Parks Congress in Sydney, where he gave a presentation on the cross-border wilderness trail, the Trans-Limpopo Walking Trail and Shangane Festival. He also acted as a co-moderator at the governance discussions of the IUCN Transboundary Specialist Group and was a panel member for the SADC TFCA Network discussions.

LIMPOPO NATIONAL PARK

Signage has been erected in the community development zone, along the Limpopo River, demarcating the three conservation corridors that link

the park's core zone with the Limpopo River. The corridors allow the wildlife access to the river.

Voluntary Resettlement

The voluntary resettlement programme entails relocating 1 600 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 85% 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.

Law Enforcement

Thanks to the project implementation contracts signed between the government of Mozambique, the

Joaquim Chissano Foundation and Peace Parks Foundation, Mozambique's efforts to combat wildlife crime in and around Limpopo National Park will be strengthened. The funding granted as part of the contract will assist with the digital radio network upgrade for the park, the construction of a field ranger base at Massingir, acquiring an additional vehicle, the training of field rangers, awareness campaigns and anti-trafficking support.

To date a contract has been signed for the digital radio network upgrade, a design engineer has been appointed for the field ranger design and various purchases have been made to upgrade the Mapai field ranger base. Solar power panels will also be installed at the Mapai and Makandazulo ranger bases.

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

Lubombo's international coordinator participated in the World Parks Congress and presented a paper on "Translocation as a way of restocking the less populated areas with a shared ecosystem in the Lubombo TFCA" in the *Parks, People, Planet: Inspiring Solutions* section.

PONTA DO OURO PARTIAL MARINE RESERVE

On 19 and 20 November, 20 years of turtle monitoring and conservation in Mozambique were celebrated in Ponta do Ouro. In 1994, with support and mentorship from Dr George Hughes and Dr Scotty Kyle from Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife in South Africa, Mr



Pierre Lombard and his family started the marine turtle monitoring and conservation programme in the southern section of Mozambique's coastline. In 2009, the government of Mozambique declared a 678 km² marine protected area. The marine re-

serve has a rich diversity of marine life and is the most important nesting ground for marine turtles in Mozambique. The marine reserve headquarters were opened in 2011 and the management plan and community action plan approved. From Ponta do Ouro to Ponta Santa Maria, 46 local community members are trained and employed annually as monitors, under direction of the marine reserve. The monitors conduct daily foot patrols during the turtle nesting and hatching season, between October and March.

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

MAPUTO SPECIAL RESERVE

Almost 900 people visited the reserve in October and November, adding to park revenues. Meanwhile, an elephant restraining line is being erected to minimise human-wildlife conflict in community areas.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FACILITY (CDF)

The Community Development Facility (CDF), comprising \$4.8 million donated by the COMON Foundation, is a joint initiative between the government of Mozambique, COMON Foundation and Peace Parks Foundation.

The Matutuine District's community action plan was revisited in consultation with the communities and will be used as the foundation for identifying and implementing an integrated approach for community development projects. The focus

is on improving the livelihood and food security of the local communities.

Three new projects got under way, namely conservation agriculture, poultry farming and beekeeping. Progress on the existing projects is as follows:

Bindzu & Tchia Agricultural Project:

Greenhouses are being erected for community members to produce vegetables, using drip irrigation. Once operational, the project will provide an income to 40 farmers and food security to 150 people.

Chemucane Community Lodge Hospitality Training:

The remaining eight students will start training in January 2015 to work at the 22-bed Chemucane community lodge, from which 850 people will benefit.



Sheila Comé, the CDF project manager. At the Matchia chilli project a total of nine tonnes of chillies were harvested in 2014, sold and the money paid into the community's account. This is three tonnes more than in 2013. The project provides full-time employment to 40 community farmers who produce chillies and other cash crops, as well as crops for own consumption within the communities.

Malawi/Zambia TFCA (Malawi / Zambia)



Participants in the Malawi-Zambia TFCA conservation week event

A TFCA awareness event, graced by the Minister of Information, Tourism and Culture, took place in Rumphi, Malawi from 28-31 October 2014. The purpose of the meeting was to share knowledge, experiences and lessons on conservation and development issues. The event also assisted to create awareness of the Nyika TFCA project. Over 70 people from Malawi and Zambia attended the meeting including chiefs, district commissioners, police officers, magistrates and print and electronic media houses.

A Malawi-Zambia TFCA conservation week event, entitled 'Collaborating towards conservation and sustaina-

ble livelihoods', was held in Malawi from 28 October to 1 November. Participants from Malawi and Zambia included stakeholders from both the conservation and development sectors, local communities and NGOs, thus emphasising the importance of an integrated approach to achieving the TFCA's goals and objectives.

A mid-term review mission took place from 16 to 24 November. The World Bank task team leader and senior staff from the Department of National Parks and Wildlife in Malawi and Zambia Wildlife Authority visited the project.

Good progress was made in the construction and maintenance of infrastructure in the TFCA. The accommodation units at Njalayankhunda have been occupied, while the office at the same camp was completed and awaits furniture. A parking lot and a storeroom were constructed at Kazuni in Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve. Three new management roads were opened in Vwaza, while construction of concrete bridges continues. New TFCA signage was placed at the gates of Nyika, Vwaza and Bambanda-Zaro camp. The supply of power at Kazuni in Vwaza is a significant development and park management and tourism stand to benefit.

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



Conservation agriculture success. Photo: Walk on the Wild Side

A mid-term review project evaluation process was started on the achievements and constraints in the overall use of the project grants. The project funds under review comprise the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, through KfW's funding of €8m (\$9.2m) and €12m (\$13.8m) for phase I and phase II respectively. In 2013 the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, through KfW, donated a further €15.5m (\$17.9m) for KAZA's development.



Zambian Home Affairs Minister Dr Ngosa Simbyakula and Zimbabwe's Deputy Home Affairs Minister Ziyambi Ziyambi signing the MoU for the KAZA Univisa at Victoria Falls Bridge
Photo: victoriafallswonders.com

In a major step to enhance tourism to the world's largest terrestrial transfrontier conservation area, the governments of Zambia and Zimbabwe launched the KAZA TFCA Univisa on 28 November.

KAZA TFCA's executive director, Dr Morris Mtsambiwa said: "The KAZA Univisa pilot project for Zambia and Zimbabwe will stimulate regional integration and benefit local communities and small businesses between the two countries. It

will also encourage local investment in infrastructure as well as encourage integrated marketing and development of tourism. Further, the project will open up opportunities for development and business partnerships between tourism fraternity and the Police, the Immigration Departments, local communities and other stakeholders."

The visa allows visitors access to both countries for the duration of one month. The visa also covers access to Botswana for day trips through the Kazungula border post, allowing tourists access to three countries. The KAZA univisa will be piloted by Zambia and Zimbabwe for six months, following which it is intended to be rolled out to the three other KAZA partner countries, namely Angola, Botswana, and Namibia. Peace Parks Foundation played a key role in securing World Bank funding for this project.

SIMALAHA COMMUNITY CONSERVANCY

Following the re-introduction of zebra in September, the conservancy manager and the community wildlife scouts have carried out regular patrols to see that the zebra have settled in well. The 22 field rangers also continue their anti-poaching patrols under the direction of the conservancy manager. The zebra, wildebeest and impala have united and have been seen on both sides of the Kasaya River and on the Zambezi Floodplain. The zebra have started to produce young. A tractor, trailer and mower have been purchased to assist with the maintenance of the firebreaks and roads along the

game proof fence.

The increase in food production brought about by conservation agriculture has helped to reduce the threat of poaching. The conservation agriculture manager continued training the 385 conservation farmers. Seed for the 2014/2015 season was purchased and distributed to the farmers. The 20 farmers issued with treadle pumps have been able to grow crops during the dry winter months and managed to sell their produce, which significantly improved their household revenues. The average yield per hectare increased from 0.2 tonnes using conventional farming methods to 1.9 tonnes using conservation farming techniques.

NGONYE FALLS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PARK

The impala which were introduced on the eastern shore of the Zambezi River have started lambing, with 10 lambs expected.

A major improvement has been the construction of bathrooms at both camp sites. Both camp sites now have running water, flush toilets and showers. A local tourist operator has started to use the facility on a regular basis, bringing in groups of 10 people at a time to camp. Tourist operators from Botswana and South Africa also use the camps regularly. The revenue from these bookings reverts to the communities.

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.

SMART

Peace Parks Foundation has entered into a partnership with the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) group. The other SMART partners are the Frankfurt Zoological Society, North Carolina Zoo, Wildlife Conservation Society, WWF, Zoological Society of London, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Cites system Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) and Panthera.

SMART is a new and improved tool for measuring, evaluating and improving the effectiveness of wildlife law enforcement patrols and site-based conservation activities. SMART is much more than data collection tool, it is a suite of best practices developed by the people who use them and designed to help protected area and wildlife managers better plan, evaluate and implement their activities and to promote good governance. The foundation has been invited to become a steering committee member to assist with the future architectural design of the SMART system, as well as with the deployment and training of users. These are major inroads in the world of conservation, to form partnerships and to standardise data and information management and dissemination.

PEACE PARKS FOUNDATION APP

Months of work have gone into the development of the Peace Parks Foundation App. The pre-release version is now being tested. It will integrate with the SENSE App and the Tracker App and together they'll ensure that the foundation draws in data on the work being done in the region's TFCA's. Users of these Apps will have a two-way



Erecting satellite communications in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

flow of data and information by sharing their experiences and receiving the results. Much work is still needed to effectively integrate and harmonise the systems.

TRACKER APP

A first user needs assessment was held with the SA College for Tourism Tracker Academy. The thinking is to also market the App, to enable the public to increase their knowledge and skills related to animal observations and tracking.

SENSA

The Sustainable, Environmental and Safe Tourism in Protected Areas project (SENSA) aims at fostering ecotourism through the use of advanced satellite-based applications, thus providing new opportunities for protected areas and ecotourism actors. SENSA targets park management authorities and responsible travellers. The final work on the App development has been completed and tests are being run to prepare for the pilot project in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. Staff from Botswana and South Africa have already been identified to assist and run with the pilot project. The tourism aspect of SENSA will be tested and piloted by tourists. Satellite communications were erected in the Botswana component of Kgalagadi and the first email was sent from

Mabuasehube on 22 October. SENSA promises to be valuable in making use of and exposing technological advancements for safe-secure tourism, for crowd-sourcing of data and information sharing - allowing for more informed decision support for park management and authorities.

KAZA TFCA INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

WWF Germany, WWF Namibia and Peace Parks Foundation are working together on a combined spatial component to the information management offered to KAZA via web-based map services. The start of this is the collective approach to creating comprehensive land-cover and land-use maps of the KAZA landscape. In addition, the KAZA TFCA's master integrated development plan identified six key wildlife dispersal areas, each of which will require detailed land-use planning.

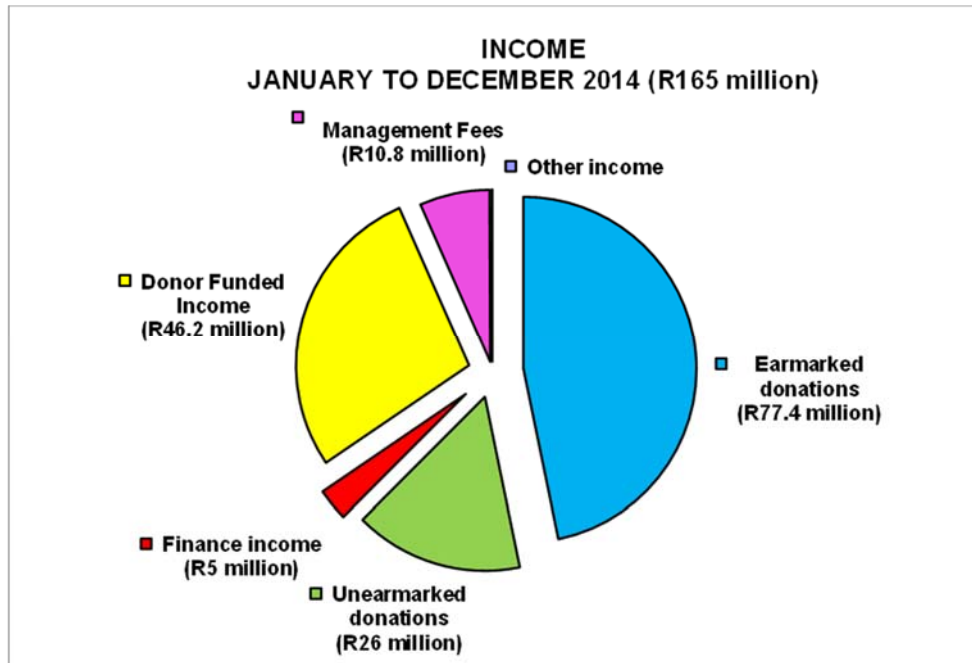
FINANCE AND OFFICE MANAGEMENT

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, Lorriane Joone—Financial Assistant. Dyan Lee—Coordinator: Human Resources and Office Management, Talia Gründlingh—Travel Administrator, Dawid Erasmus—Messenger, Salomie Erasmus—Housekeeping

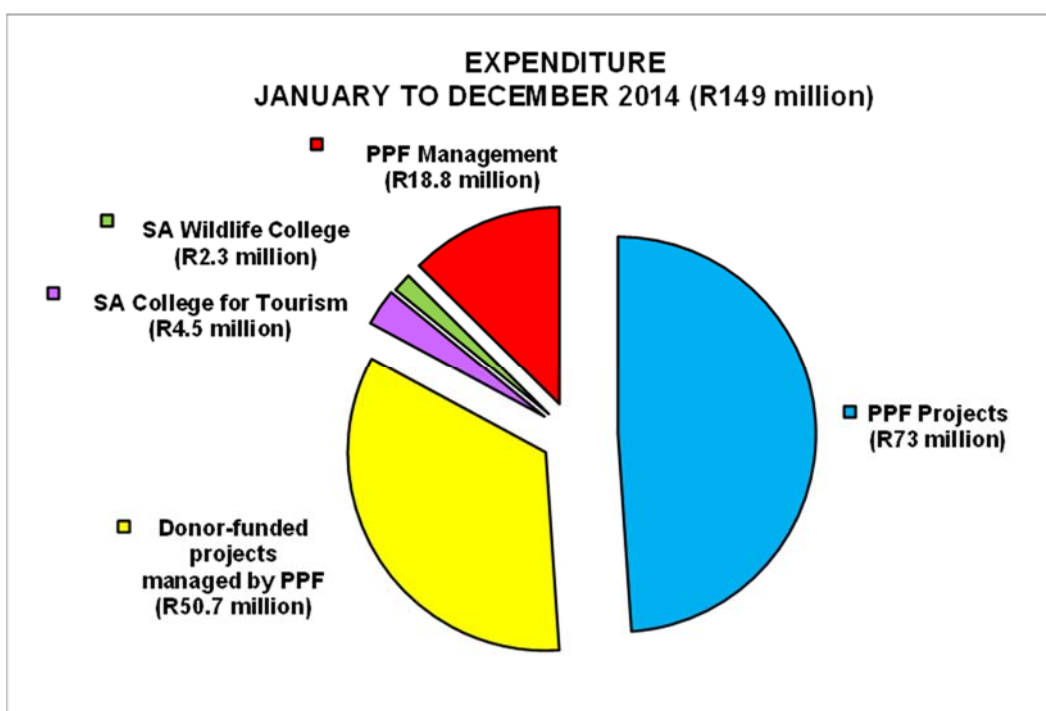
To develop and maintain accounting and control systems that will ensure accurate accounting records, reliable financial reports, compliance with company and tax laws, the protection of assets and the efficient management of funds, including payments and receipts.

Financial overview for the period January to December 2014

Income: Full year 2014 budgeted income is R186 million. Income for the period amounted to R165 million as follows:



Expenditure: Full year 2014 budgeted expenses is R206 million. Expenditure, including project capital purchases, for the period amounted to R149 million as follows:



FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT

Lisa Thompson-Smeddle—Senior Fundraiser, 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.

Legacy Society

The Peace Parks Foundation Legacy Society, established in 2013, provides the ideal platform to keep legacies alive, and support transfrontier conservation area development in southern Africa. The society provides options to international and South African friends and supporters of transfrontier conservation in southern Africa to give financial support to:

- Peace Parks Foundation operations;
- Peace Parks Foundation programmes and projects; or
- To Peace Parks Foundation's training partners:
 - * The SA College for Tourism and
 - * The Southern African Wildlife College

Legacies can take many shapes:

- Living legacies enable donors to make regular financial gifts during their lifetime;
- Pecuniary bequests enable donors to provide a specific amount of money for programmes or projects of their choice;
- A reversionary bequest is an asset that can be donated on the death of the benefactor;
- Conditional bequests ensure that, should no dependents survive the benefactor, the benefactor's estate, or a portion thereof, can be left to Peace Parks Foundation;
- Specific or non-monetary bequests include things like property, shares or works of art; and
- Residuary bequests allow for the balance of an estate, or a portion thereof, to be given to the foundation once all other payments to loved ones have been made.



Peace Parks Club members witnessing a turtle coming ashore to nest

The 2015 Legacy Society luncheon will be held at Eikendal in Stellenbosch on 26 March 2015

Fund development trips

A number of Peace Parks Club members participated in the exclusive turtle protection programme visit, from 4–7 November 2014. They visited the Matchia chilli project and other Community Development Facility work taking place in this TFCA, as well as viewing the development work done to upgrade the facilities and infrastructure of Maputo Special Reserve. A visit was also paid to the Chemucane Lodge site, where a community-owned, privately run lodge is nearing completion. Most noteworthy were the evenings spent along the Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve coastline witnessing the turtles coming ashore to lay their eggs. Thank you very much to the teams of both Mr Armando Guenha and Mr

Miguel Goncalves for all their assistance.

Peace Parks Club members are invited to accompany staff on exclusive, custom-designed field, community development and research project visits, wildlife translocations, and visits to the Southern African Wildlife College and the SA College for Tourism. Club memberships last 10 years and various international tax entities enable donors to realise tax rebates.

Peace Parks Club fees, together with interest from the foundation's capital fund, support head office operations and critical programmes. Thank you very much to Mr Leonard Seelig and Ms Janine Iannarelli, who renewed their memberships, Mr Antoine Friling, who upgraded his and Mr Werner Myburgh, who joined as an individual member.

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.

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Website

News stories pertaining to the Rhino Protection Programme, funded by the Dutch and Swedish postcode lotteries, are sent to the Netherlands and Sweden offices for translation. The story is then uploaded, with the same look and feel, to peaceparks.org, peaceparks.nl and peaceparks.se.

All news stories are uploaded to the peaceparks.org website and alerts to these are uploaded to the Peace Parks Foundation [Facebook](#) page and to its [Twitter](#) account. Thank you to the field staff who contribute stories and photographs.

All videos that feature on the peaceparks.org website are uploaded to the foundation's [YouTube](#) channel. They also feature on its [Google+](#) site.

Social Media Links



Links to these are available on the peaceparks.org home page.

A new programme on community development was created and linked to the !Ae!Hai Kalahari Heritage Park, Limpopo National Park, the

interventions for Ndumo Game Reserve, the Lubombo TFCA's Community Development Facility and the Simalaha Community Conservancy. Maputo Special Reserve's community work was merged with the Community Development Facility information. These projects are now linked from the various TFCA pages, the Projects page and the home page of the Community Development Programme

Publications

The Peace Parks Club certificates to welcome new club members were revised and copies printed.

A summary of the year's highlights and achievements was drafted for the CEO's year-end message.

Media liaison

A newsflash on 'Rhino Protection Programme agreements strengthen Mozambique's efforts to combat wildlife crime' was disseminated on 30 October.

The Portuguese version of the media release was disseminated by the Ministry of Tourism in Mozambique at the same time. This resulted in extensive coverage in Mozambican and South African media. Social media in both countries also welcomed the agreements as a positive step towards combatting wildlife crime.

A number of media followed up with questions and requests for interviews with the Peace Parks Foundation CEO.

Thank you very much to Tony Weaver for his Cape Times Man Friday column, entitled 'At last, a ray of sunshine in the depressing gloom of rhino poaching'.

Film and photographs

Thank you to Namibia Wildlife Resorts and to South African National Parks for facilitating the visit by Koos van der Lende to the /Ai /Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park. Thank you to Koos van der Lende for the resulting portfolio of photographs that so amply illustrate the unique beauty of this arid desert and mountain landscape. The photographs will be used to further market the area.

SUPPORT PROGRAMME

COMBATTING WILDLIFE CRIME

Brad Poole—Programme Manager: Combatting Wildlife Crime

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 orphans in a boma

RHINO PROTECTION PROGRAMME

The Rhino Protection Programme received exposure at the recent World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia as a result of Peace Parks Foundation's participation in various workshops and presentations related to combatting wildlife crime.

Rhino Security and Protection

Following the recent relocation of rhino in Kruger National Park, park staff and the UAV (drone) operator are now developing a UAV platform to assist with tracking, monitoring and data collection of the first 14 rhino that have been fitted with tracking devices.

One of the most significant actions has been the collaboration between the government of Mozambique, Joaquim Chissano Foundation and Peace Parks Foundation which will strengthen Mozambique's efforts to combat wildlife crime by supporting the development of dedicated anti-poaching operations in and around Limpopo National Park. The project makes provision for the upgrading of field communications technology used by rangers, as well as a shared radio communications systems across the international border. The agreement further includes providing training and equipment to rangers and improving rangers' working conditions within Limpopo National Park, which abuts Kruger National Park. Together the two

parks form a core component of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park. An essential component of this project entails supporting the judicial system in Mozambique to effectively implement the new Conservation Areas Act that will bring about much stiffer penalties for anyone involved in illicit wildlife product trafficking.

Co-operation with the Mozambique government will also be extended via Peace Parks Foundation's partnership with the Joaquim Chissano Foundation's Wildlife Preservation Initiative. This includes launching an anti-poaching and counter-trafficking programme. A noteworthy element of this programme is the establishment of research and information gathering capabilities in Mozambique to support the effectiveness of the programme and policy making.

Rhino Asset Management (Devaluation)

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife is preparing a rhino tracking programme, whereby tracking devices will be fitted to rhino to enable the monitoring of live rhino. This project is linked with the surveillance and communications project, which uses the same infrastructure to send and receive data via surveillance towers and radio masts. These surveillance towers and radio masts will assist towards a more rapid response by law enforcement officers to any incidences, which may make the difference

between the life and death of a rhino. The first prototype surveillance tower has already been installed.

Veterinary Support

The veterinary support project with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife has commenced in all earnest with the treatment of five injured rhino and the recovery of one orphaned rhino during this period. At the same time, an agreement was concluded with SANParks for the treatment of Injured rhino and the care of orphaned rhino.

Communications and Demand Reduction

The Rhino Protection Programme has joined forces with the Wilderness Foundation to launch the Vietnamese Youth Wilderness Trails and Rhino Awareness project where students from 12 prominent schools in Vietnam were engaged in an endeavour to influence consumer behaviour. These schools were visited during November and a competition started as to why rhino should be saved, with the winners receiving an all expenses paid trip to South Africa to visit rhino reserves. The competition has already generated 1 079 junior and 268 senior entries. The closing date for the competition is February 2015.

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 SA College for Tourism received its new accreditation certificate from the Culture, Art, Tourism, Hospitality & Sport Sector Education and Training Authority (CATHSSETA) at the end of October following in the wake of the successful audit by its Education and Training Quality Assurance division.

The college achieved a 100% pass rate of all students who sat for their final examinations and evaluations conducted by external examiners.

On 28 November the graduation ceremony was hosted by the college chairperson, Mrs Gaynor Rupert who in welcoming her guests to the paid a special tribute to the college's donor community, which includes the Embassy of Finland, Absa, Rupert Nature Foundation, Koos and Rona Rupert Education Trust, Irene Staehelin of Switzerland, Remgro Limited, Jagersfontein Developments, Anglo American Chairman's Fund, Marsh Africa, The Foschini Group,

United States of America based Empowers Africa, DHK Architects, Lloyds Travel and Tsogo Sun, as well as the many private individuals who support the Adopt-a-Student campaign.

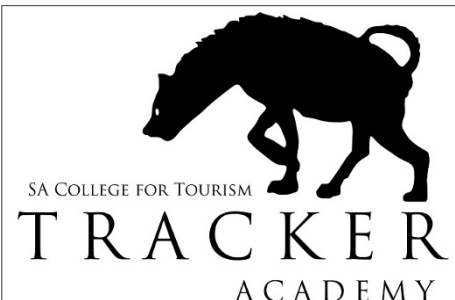
Mr Andy de la Mare of Absa announced the Top Student of the Year and handed the Absa Trophy to Ms Faith Loselo from Graaff-Reinet. Mrs Barbara Pudel kindly invited Faith and her runner-up, Ms Petronella Nyamuno of Zimbabwe, on an all-expenses-paid working visit of three months at her guesthouse in Portofino, Italy.

Ms Sarah Tompkins handed the Samara Private Game Reserve Trophy to Mr Mark Mdlovu, who achieved the highest marks during the Tracker Academy's semi-desert biome section, while Mr Dave Varty of Londolozi Game Reserve handed the trophy to Mr Sihle Mlotshwa for this top performance in the bushveld/savannah biome. The trophies were accompanied by a R1 000 cheque, each sponsored by Sal and Eugen Roux. Mr Glenn van Heerden handed the Thornybush Collections Trophy, a cheque of R5 000 and a year-long internship with the Thornybush Collections executive chef to the Top Culinary Art Performer of the Year, Ms Siyamthanda Ngqungwana.

Dr Harold Riley, court painter to Queen Elizabeth II handed a signed copy from his personal and limited collection of his pen sketch of President Mandela to Ms Rachel Mgiba, who had been voted Campus Peacemaker of The Year by her fellow graduates.

Graduation this year had a special meaning for 37 of the hospitality graduates, who were offered internships at the 5-star Drostdy Hotel, which re-opened its doors on 27 November 2014. Apart from annually offering the internships to hospitality graduates, the hotel will in future also serve as an operational training area for the college students.

Within three weeks of the graduation ceremony, 75% of the hospitality graduates were employed. At the same time, 11 of the 16 tracker graduates had already found permanent employment in game lodges, national parks and anti-poaching units.



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.

A finance agreement between SADC and KfW was signed, which means that the expansion of the college, to be funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, through KfW, can get under way. In the interim, Peace Parks Foundation signed a pre-financing agreement with the college, which allowed for a start to be made on essential infrastructure and services, including staff houses and the ranger training camp facilities.

During this quarter, the college's management team developed the college's business plan for 2015–2019, which was approved for implementation by the board of directors.

The college's flagship protected area management programmes, designed to help achieve long-lasting conservation results across the region, are now in their 17th year. In December, 48 students from seven different countries across the southern African region graduated from the college's Higher and Advanced Certificate Programme in Nature Conservation.

Addressing the graduates at the graduation events were Mr Ernest Mokgane, Director: Transfrontier Conservation Areas of the South African Department of Environmental Affairs and Mr Werner Myburgh, CEO of Peace Parks Foundation. The theme they spoke on was the need to combine efforts, create partnerships and pool resources if conservation in Africa is to succeed.

During the graduation ceremony, six students were recognised for their outstanding achievements during the year. The Rosie Sturgis Award for the Most Improved Student went to Mufaya Mukelabai

from the Zambia Wildlife Authority; the WWF South Africa Award for the Most Outstanding South African Student was awarded to Salome October from the Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency; the Hans Hoheisen Award for the Best Protected Area Management Student went to Rutendo Matowanyika from the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority; Best Animal Studies student was awarded to Masiye Masiye from the Zambia Wildlife Authority and the Best Financial Management student trophy was awarded to Caroline Katsande from the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority. The two top awards, sponsored by the Distell Foundation for the Best Student - Higher Certificate in Nature Conservation: Implementation and Leadership and the Advanced Certificate in Transfrontier Conservation Management went to Justice Mafumba (cum laude) and to Caroline Katsande respectively.



**SOUTHERN AFRICAN
WILDLIFE COLLEGE**

Ms Katsande has excelled, as she achieved two awards this year, while in 2013 she was the Best Student in the Higher Certificate Programme and also received one of the Southern African Wildlife College Trust's scholarship awards.

Apart from these Higher Education and Training students, over 1 500 students were trained in short courses in 2014. This brings to over 12 000 the number of students trained at this SADC-recognised centre of specialisation in conservation education, training and skills development.



The award winners: Mr Mufaya Mukelabai—Zambia Wildlife Authority; Ms Salome October—Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency; Ms Rutendo Matowanyika and Ms Caroline Katsande—Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority; Mr Masiye Masiye—Zambia Wildlife Authority and Mr Justice Mafumba—Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority (cum laude).



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The peace parks process

The peace parks concept is as glorious as it is bold: vast conservation areas straddling national borders, of sufficient scale to incorporate entire biomes, of sufficient integrity to restore the ancient patterns of diverse ecological systems and reconnect the shared cultures of local communities.

Southern Africa's peace parks today incorporate over half of the declared conservation estate in the region. These areas are astounding in their extent (collectively measuring over a million

square kilometres) and in their natural magnificence, rich biodiversity and cultural significance.

The establishment of each peace park is complex and far-reaching, involving many stakeholders. The typical process involves distinct phases of activity, which can take many years to achieve.

Peace Parks Foundation facilitates each of the development phases. These include engendering political support, promoting joint planning and management

structures, boosting good governance and capacity building and optimising the delivery pipeline to ensure that a 100% of donor funding finds its way to projects on the ground.

The foundation also supports the development of a favourable environment for public/private partnerships and the overall improvement of the quality of life of people living in and adjacent to the peace parks.

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An invitation to invest

Peace Parks Foundation enjoys the support of international public funders and financial institutions, listed companies, family foundations and individuals. The foundation gives donors the opportunity to invest not only in a brighter future for Africa, but also in sustainable solutions for a better world.

Donors are the lifeblood of the foundation, providing all the working capital requirements of the organisation and facilitating vital conservation, tourism and community projects on the ground.

There are many options of support available. Club 21

comprises individuals, families and corporate members who have donated US\$1 million or more to the foundation's work.

The Peace Parks Club comprises corporate members that donated US\$50 000 and individual members who donated US\$5 000. A membership is valid for 10 years. The option of US\$10 000 p.a. over six years for corporate members or US\$1 000 p.a. over six years for individual members also exists.

Other options of support include bequests through the Peace Parks Foundation Legacy Society and the funding of specific projects, rang-

ing from social development and education to conservation.

In order to optimise the foundation's fundraising potential, structures that allow donations to be made in a tax-efficient manner have been created in Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the USA.

We invite you to become part of this African story of hope and progress and would welcome a conversation on how you can support the work of Peace Parks Foundation in whatever way, no matter how big or small.