

# Annual Report 2014



*“I dream of an Africa which is in peace with itself...  
I dream of the realization of the unity of Africa, whereby its  
leaders combine in their efforts to solve the problems of this  
continent. I dream of our vast deserts, of our forests, of all  
our great wildernesses. We must never forget that it is our  
duty to protect this environment.”*

*~ Nelson Mandela*

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# About Us



The African Conservation Trust (ACT) is an established not-for-profit and public benefit organisation that has been operating in southern Africa since 2000. We strive to contribute to a world where urban and rural communities take responsible care of their environment, work consciously to conserve and protect natural resources in sustainable ways, and preserve historical assets and heritage for the benefit of future generations.

Our core focus areas are environmental conservation and the socio-economic upliftment of vulnerable communities. Wherever possible, ACT initiatives work in partnership with local communities and other stakeholders to promote long term success. Job creation, poverty alleviation, community sustainability and education are key principles in all our projects.



## Vision

Our Vision is simple...

### **A LIVING WORLD**

#### ***People on a Profitable Planet***

A world that is able to sustain human life, profitable as a result of investment into our most precious asset: Planet Earth, with its abundant natural resources; profitable enough for people to draw from its environmental goods and services, and from a social and economic sense. Living, in that our Planet and its inhabitants are not simply surviving, but are flourishing, and have capacity to give, share and grow.

## Mission

Our mission is to conduct, implement and facilitate pioneering environmental, heritage and conservation projects in Southern Africa in a financially accountable and sustainable manner.

## Memberships and Accreditations

- *Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) Level 2 accreditation*
- *Member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)*
- *Founding member and secretariat of Project Rhino KZN*
- *Founding member of the SAFE Alliance (Sustainable Alternatives to Fracking & Exploration)*



## Organisational Details

### ACT's Registrations

**Not-for-Profit Trust No:** IT 2174/00

**South African Registered Non-Profit Organisation No:** NPO 030-243

**SARS Public Benefit Organisation No:** 930014758 *plus Section 18A tax exemption status*

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# Message from the Board

The African Conservation Trust has managed a diversity of environmental and cultural heritage projects in the year under review.

ACT's conservation agriculture focus has seen a number of initiatives throughout the province of KwaZulu-Natal with more staff becoming accredited assessors of our Agro-Ecological Farming Practices NQF Level 2 course. We believe fundamentally that conservation agriculture techniques will add considerably to climate change adaptation capabilities, especially for impoverished rural homestead farmers. This view is shared by WesBank who are generously funding a three year homestead garden project in and around ACT's core operations in Mtubatuba on the KwaZulu-Natal north coast. WesBank have also funded the creation of the GigaBite Guardian – a digital database and Android App to gather data on homestead gardeners that will ultimately help them gain access to markets and improve livelihoods.

Biodiversity conservation was supported by the Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund with a focus on the Mkuze River Conservation Project and more recently into the Greater Ithala Complex. ACT continued to support and build on the butterfly domes project that had been previously funded by the NLDTF. Environmental education was carried out at these butterfly domes as well as marine education in partnership with iSimangaliso Wetland Park. ACT continued to serve the vital role as secretariat of Project Rhino KZN as well as host the fundraising bank account for this association.

Our nSimbi partnership programme continued to grow from strength to strength with ACT receiving and managing funding from the NLDTF on behalf of Growing Parks Trust, Wilderness Action Group, Zakhe Foundation Trust, African Spirit, Preservation of the Mpushini Mkhondeni Biodiversity Trust with two new additions in the year under review being the African Raptor Trust and the Headway Foundation Trust. ACT's cultural heritage focus, in partnership with the University of KwaZulu-Natal, carried out 3D documentation of the Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift battlefields as well as recording rock art sites that are open to the public for ultimate inclusion in audio visual displays at the KwaZulu-Natal Museum and Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife.

The Board sincerely thanks our CEO Francois du Toit for his relentless and inspirational leadership of our dynamic team, and all staff for continuing to build a meaningful entity that is increasingly recognized as innovative in a challenging environment. We look forward to a great future.

*Carl Grossmann - Chairman*

# Focus Areas, Projects and Achievements



## Focus Areas

At the core of ACT's activities is the conservation of our precious environment, biodiversity, natural resources and heritage. Projects range from using sophisticated technology to document historical battlefields, to hands-on education programmes for children, to raising over R6million for South Africa's rhino populations. Food security continues to be one of ACT's core focuses and in 2013 we developed over 200 gardens at homesteads, clinics and schools in some of the most impoverished areas in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN). The potentially devastating and irreversible effects of climate change cannot be ignored, and ACT initiatives also concentrated on the mitigation of its effects. Finally, we believe in capacity-building and knowledge-sharing with like-minded organisations and added two exciting projects to our nSimbi partnership programme, which is growing from strength to strength.



# Food Security



# Climate Change and Conservation Agriculture

ACT projects seek to mitigate the effects of climate change wherever possible, including promoting clean energy sources and incorporating educational and greening programmes. We are currently developing a soil erosion model for the Drakensburg region so that pre-emptive action can be taken and place a strong emphasis on utilising conservation agriculture principles in our food security projects.

Climate change continues to have a profound and unavoidable effect on food security in Southern Africa, as increasing temperatures and changing rainfall patterns reduce access to food. The situation is further aggravated by high levels of soil degradation and a decline in fertility, which threaten agricultural productivity.

*'Africa is becoming the most exposed region in the world to the impacts of climate change.'*  
~ World Bank



In 2011, ACT assisted in the development of the Conservation Agriculture Institute at the Dovehouse Organic Farm near Howick. Since then, the Institute has developed a *National Qualifications Framework (NQF) level 2 course* in Agro-Ecological Farming practices. This has been integrated into ACT's food security projects to promote sustainable farming and food security.

Conservation agriculture practices contribute to improved land and water usage, particularly in areas where rural communities are heavily dependent on subsistence agriculture. They have proven to be an effective means for growing nutritious food staples in remote and harsh environments, and have shown to increase agricultural yields, produce crops that are more resilient to changing weather conditions, improve water usage and reduce soil erosion.

## Conservation Agriculture: Khula Evolution

The Northern KwaZulu-Natal region is one of the poorest and most under-developed areas in southern Africa, suffering from high illiteracy and unemployment rates, as well as some of the highest HIV/AIDS incidences in the country. It also has one of the greatest backlogs in basic infrastructure and food insecurity is widespread. WesBank is currently funding a 3 year project establishing homestead food gardens in and around the Mtubatuba area. 2013 was the second year of the project and saw the development of 80 homestead gardens, with a total of 150 since the project's inception. Beneficiaries are trained in agro ecological sustainable food gardening practices which will allow them to achieve greater food security and enable them to reach livelihood levels of subsistence agriculture. Many families are now enjoying having access to more diverse and nutritious food and ultimately an improved standard of living.

*ACT promotes the use of heirloom seeds in its projects. These seeds are hardier and more adaptable to climate change events. They also reduce input costs for rural farmers as they can be harvested for future planting, without losing genetic integrity.*



## Richmond School Gardens

As part of the Zakhe Outreach Project, the ACT team began developing food gardens at schools and crèches in the Richmond region in 2012, and these gardens were completed early in 2013. The project included the installation of water tanks, erection of fences and the planting of fruit trees and seedlings. 21 schools were selected, and teachers and pupils alike have demonstrated a strong commitment to garden maintenance and success. A mentor from each school received training in conservation agriculture principles at the Dovehouse Institute of Conservation Agriculture and the ACT team also offered training in aspects such as seed saving and nutritious eating.

*“There is no amount of words that can equal my appreciation for what ACT has been doing at Richmond.... I have seen drastic changes since this project has started... bringing food [to] the table to some households whom we have identified before as poorest of poor in the community.”*

*Mr Shabalala (Ward Two Councillor)*

## Richmond Rural Rehabilitation and Food Gardens Project

Working in partnership with the Duzi-Ungeni Conservation Trust and the Winterskloof & Worlds View Conservancy Trust, this project has seen over 100 gardens established and it is hoped that this number will increase by 3 or 4 times with the pay-it-forward beneficiaries. The project carries a strong mentorship component and individuals selected as beneficiaries are expected to pass on their knowledge to other community members. Regular workshops are also conducted by the ACT team and a community garden has been established for demonstration and teaching purposes. Despite the sweltering summer temperatures, the gardens are flourishing and the project has received high praise from the gardeners, community leaders and the local municipality.

Projects funded by the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund

# ACT GigaBite Guardian

With the support of WesBank, ACT has developed an online database, the *GigaBite Guardian*, which will connect homestead gardeners, supporting networks and potential markets. The database utilises GIS technology to map food garden locations, record grower details, crops planted and expected harvests, with forecast prices linked to the Johannesburg Fresh Produce Market.

The GigaBite Guardian is a first of its kind and is a highly effective tool as it integrates different types of data, including GPS locations, photographs and database records. Armed with this information, growers can be grouped into clusters and a collaborative marketing and production system can be developed. Specific nodes can be determined for sale, collection and delivery, and this will allow small growers to connect to larger markets.



Field teams have been capturing detailed grower information using portable Android Tablets; this data is then uploaded to the main database website. The GigaBite Guardian allows users to perform detailed search and query functions including site locations, expected date of harvest, and the estimated value of the crop to the grower.





**Biodiversity Preservation and Education**



## The ACT Rhino Fund

In May 2011 as the rhino poaching crisis escalated, ACT established the ACT Rhino Fund, a funding and programme implementation initiative dedicated to assisting the conservation sector's efforts to protect South Africa's White and Black rhino populations. 100% of funds donated through the ACT Rhino Fund go to bona-fide rhino conservation and anti-poaching efforts of reputable NGOs, game reserves and state conservation agencies.

The ACT Rhino Fund has to date generated support of R6million from South African citizens, businesses, charitable foundations, schools, shopping centres, the tourism and adventure sports sectors and from *Skydive for Rhinos* – ACT's rhino fundraising and awareness campaign in 2011 and 2012. Strategic anti-poaching needs that have benefited include:

1. Aerial Surveillance
2. Equipment & Resources to assist game reserves and anti-poaching units
3. Community engagement
4. Strategic skills & expertise

Beneficiaries include:

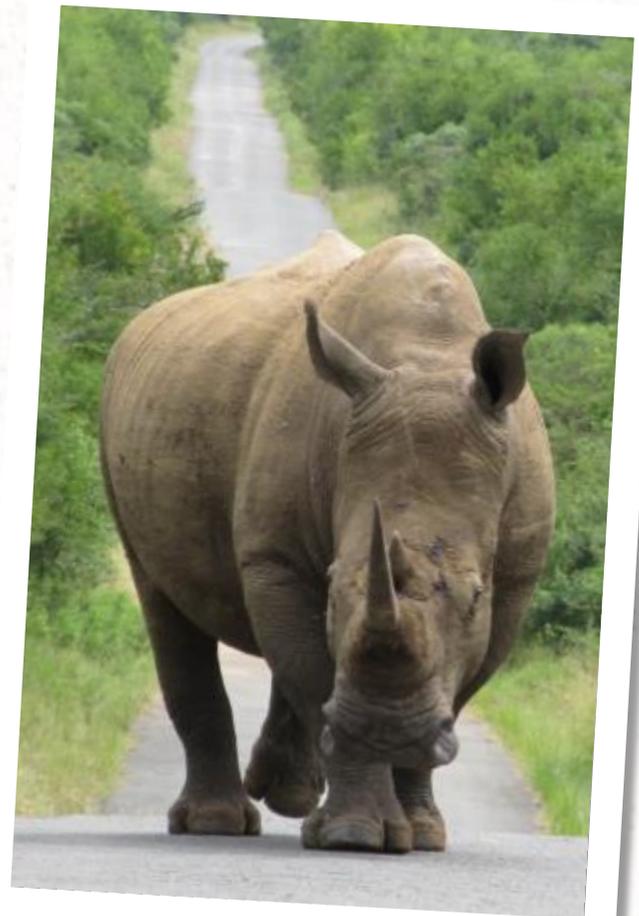
- 17 Private reserves in KwaZulu-Natal including Thanda, Phinda, Nambiti and the Zululand Rhino Reserve
- Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife reserves including the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park, Mkhuze Game Reserve and Pongola Nature Reserve
- NGOs: Space for Elephants, Munyawana Conservancy Fund, Mkhuze River Project
- The Zululand Anti-Poaching Wing
- *Rhino Art – let the children's voices be heard* community campaign (KZN, Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga)
- Sabi-Sands Wildtuin

The ACT Rhino Fund has also been instrumental in the implementation of innovative anti-poaching initiatives and the development of strategic partnerships. These include the founding of the **Project Rhino KZN** association in September 2011, the establishment of the **Zululand Anti-Poaching Wing** (an aerial surveillance project that protects 26 game reserves in northern KZN) and the national *Rhino Art – Let the Children's Voices be Heard* campaign lead by celebrity explorer **Kingsley Holgate**.

## Project Rhino KZN

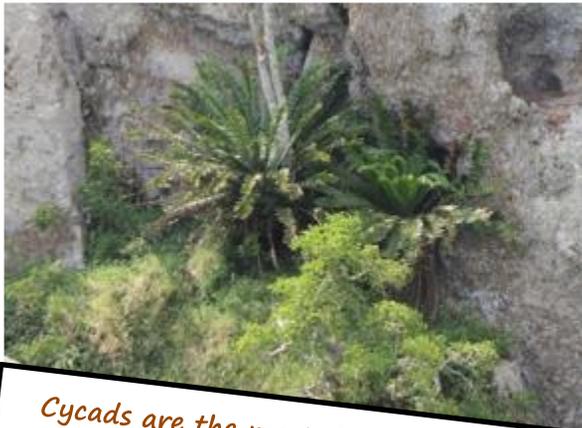
ACT continues to provide the Secretariat duties for Project Rhino KZN. These include:

1. Manage communications and maintain relationships between the provincial government agency Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, private game reserves and conservation NGOs in KwaZulu-Natal;
2. Provide strategic direction for the association and represent the KZN conservation community at provincial, national and international levels;
3. Mobilizing resources against rhino poaching;
4. Manage fundraising efforts and maintain relationships with celebrity supporters, major donors and the general public;
5. Financial management for two major projects: ZAP-Wing and the Rhino Art campaign;
6. The public face of Project Rhino KZN – particularly with schools, rural communities, general public, government, business and international stakeholders;
7. Coordination of public campaigns and the inaugural International Youth Rhino Summit which will take place in Imfolozi Game Reserve, 21-23 September 2014.
8. Overall financial management of the ACT Rhino Fund: transparent and accountable distribution of funding and reporting.



## Jozini Cycad Conservation

ACT received funding from the UNDP through the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme in May 2013 to protect vulnerable Jozini Cycads in KwaZulu-Natal. The project is implementing various conservation measures, including conducting a comprehensive survey of existing cycad populations, the micro chipping of cycads that are at heightened risk and the establishment of cycad nurseries which will be linked to a propagation programme to re-populate cycads in the wild.



*Cycads are the most threatened group of plant species on Earth. Five endemic cycad species have become extinct in South Africa*

## The iSimangaliso Wetland Park Youth Environmental Education Programme

iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a world heritage site and the largest estuarine system in Africa, encompasses five ecosystems and offers exceptional diversity of species, including coral reefs, sub-tropical dune forests and 521 bird species. This project is offering groups of school children from underprivileged backgrounds the opportunity of visiting the park to learn more about biodiversity, particularly marine life.



## *Securing the Provision of Ecosystem Services in the Greater Ithala Complex*

Funded by the Critical Ecosystems partnership Fund, this project is being implemented within the Ithala Complex in northern KZN. It aims to engage with local communities to identify and protect landscapes which have high biodiversity value, and that are significant to them for the delivery of ecosystem services.

The Complex (incorporating Ithala Game Reserve) is home to a number of significant plant and animal species, including the Lebombo cycad, Pepperbark tree, elephant and black and white rhino. It also encompasses the northern extremity of the Mistbelt Grasslands; a corridor that is under considerable threat from overutilization and land use change. Without directed intervention, stress on these landscapes will result in the deterioration of valuable ecosystem services, which includes carbon sequestration, fresh water resources, and biodiversity with plants and animals of environmental, traditional and economic importance.

## *The Butterfly Routes Project*

This unique project resulted in the establishment of network of 4 community-owned butterfly domes in KwaZulu-Natal housing indigenous butterfly species. The domes contribute to biodiversity conservation and the upliftment of local communities. They are also used as a base to conduct environmental education and awareness programmes.

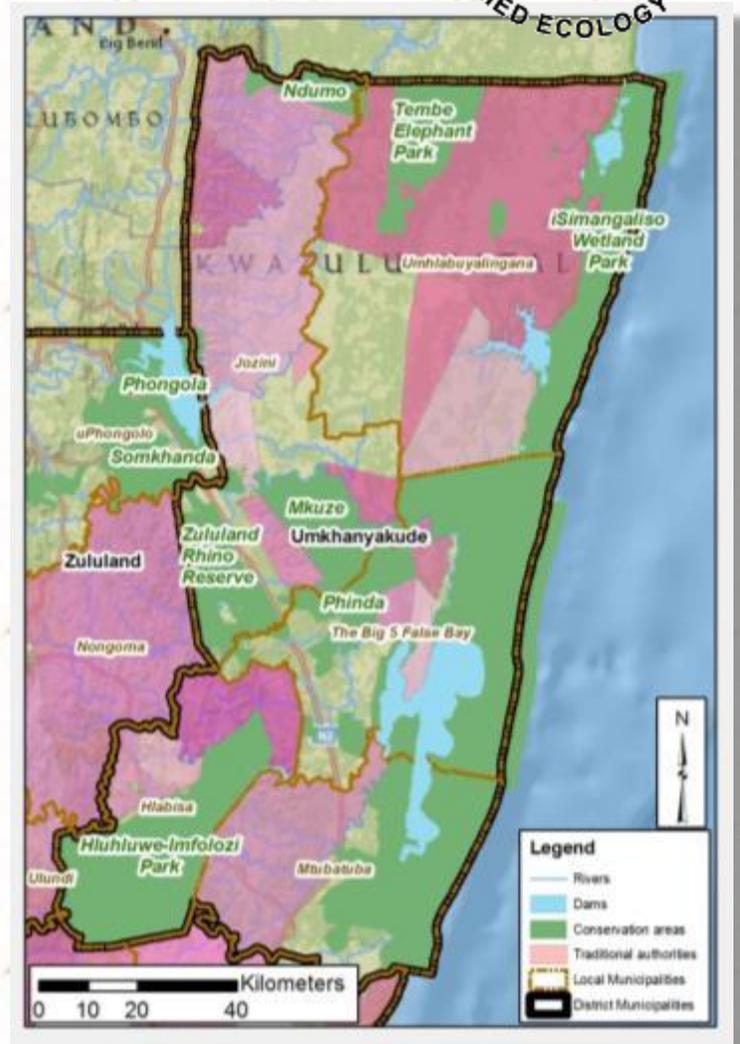


# The Applied Ecology Unit



Northern KwaZulu-Natal is characterised by a fragmented protected area network that is interspersed with rural communities that are still heavily reliant on the delivery of ecosystem services. Increasing socio-economic pressures within these communities, and the inability of formal government structures to alleviate them, are resulting in further stress on the region's landscapes.

The Applied Ecology Unit (AEU) aims to identify and implement biodiversity goals through an holistic approach that takes cognisance of social, economic and agricultural activities within ecological systems. The team's primary focus, at this stage, is to examine possibilities to enlarge and connect existing protected areas in a manner that not only has local support but also enhances the well-being of local communities. As such, it forms a bridge between those working on protected area expansion strategies, stewardship processes and social-ecological issues.



# Natural Resource Management



## Soil Erosion Modelling

Soil erosion is one of the main problems affecting land resources throughout South Africa. This is especially evident in community lands in the lower foothills of the Drakensberg mountains where poor agricultural practices and overgrazing have resulted in massive losses of topsoil, the creation of huge dongas, and a loss of income earning potential to the local people. The UKZN Foundation Trust received funding from the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund to create a soil erosion and soil carbon map for the entire Drakensberg and surrounding area. ACT is developing a predictive model of soil erosion that will identify areas likely to be affected by erosion so that pre-emptive action can be taken.



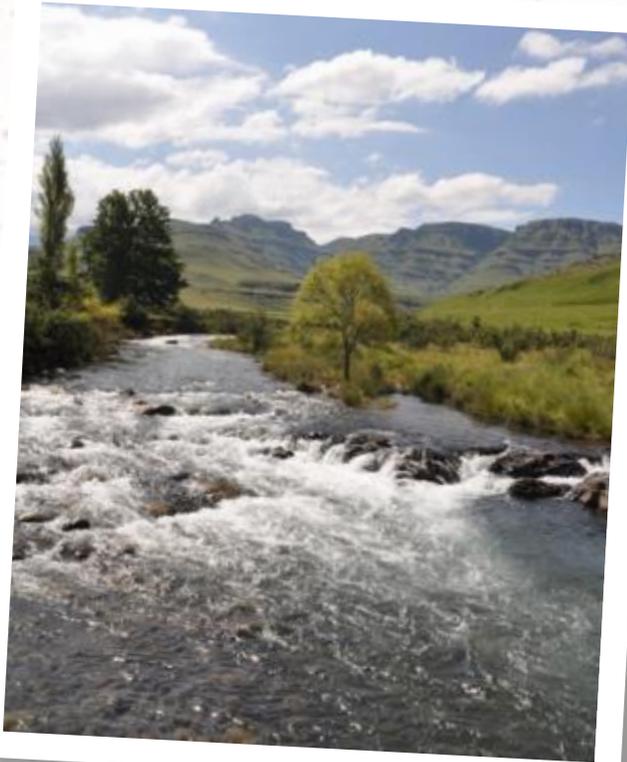
## The Mkuze River Conservation Project

The Mkuze River Conservation Project is being implemented in the area adjacent to the community-owned Somkhanda Game Reserve in Northern KwaZulu-Natal. The southern boundary of the Reserve is the midline of the Mkuze River, which had to be fenced out of the reserve because of the local communities' dependence on the river for water. This resulted in the development of a complicated water delivery system for the reserves wildlife, which depend on boreholes or water pumped from the River into the reserve.

The ACT team is working with communities living in the Mkuze valley to guide them through a land-use planning exercise to identify areas of land that can be set aside for farming, water points, economic development and conservation. Ultimately the project aims to establish community conservation areas that can become formally protected to establish links between the existing reserves.

## Working on Waste Programme

ACT was recently appointed by the Department of Environmental Affairs to implement a Working on Waste project, part of their Environmental Protection and Infrastructure Programme (EPIP). The project will be run within, and in partnership with, the eThekweni Municipality.



## Sustainable Alternatives to Fracking & Exploration (SAFE) Alliance

ACT is a founding member of the SAFE Alliance, a group which serves as a platform to oppose hydraulic fracturing, "fracking," and seek alternative, more sustainable development options for targeted fracking areas. The Alliance's current focus is to utilise legal tools to oppose the issuing of any license in connection with fracking in South Africa and build a public education and information campaign to inform rural communities and the South African public about their environmental rights, in particular those associated with the impacts of fracking.

ACT CEO, Francois du Toit, and other SAFE members continue to present information and co-ordinate action between stakeholders, including tertiary institutions, farmers, schools and the business community.

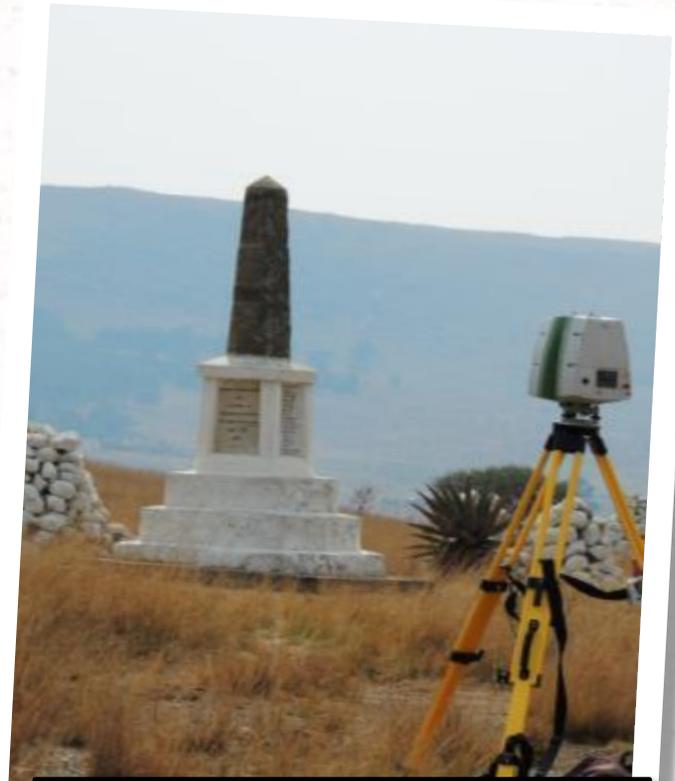
*About 20 million litres of water is required for one frack at one well, as well as thousands of litres of chemicals*

# Heritage Conservation



## Battlefields Mapping

The Anglo-Zulu War was one of the great 19th century dramas that played out in northern KwaZulu-Natal. Zulu warriors armed only with spears famously took on British forces armed with the most modern firepower of the time. The Anglo-Zulu War has been the subject of numerous historical studies and the continued interest in the battles is the basis for a thriving tourism industry, drawing both local and international tourists. Funded by the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund, the battlefield mapping project used cutting edge technology to digitally document two of the most significant battles: Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift. The University of KwaZulu-Natal and ACT worked together to document these sites using 3D laser scanning, GPS technology, GIS mapping, 3D terrain modelling and virtual tours. The project generated great interest and has shown how modern mapping techniques can enhance our understanding of historic battles by providing new tools for historical research, as well as promoting tourism and education through innovative displays and learning tools.



*Our heritage is unique and precious and it cannot be renewed. It helps us to define our cultural identity and therefore lies at the heart of our spiritual well-being and has the power to build our nation.*

*~ Preamble to the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999*

## Rock Art Documentation

The Maloti Drakensberg Park (MDP) contains the largest and most concentrated group of San rock art paintings in sub-Saharan Africa. The global significance of the rock art contributed towards the listing of the MDP as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000. However, the fragile paintings are under constant threat from vandalism and various environmental factors and there is a pressing need for the digital preservation of these important heritage sites. The University of KwaZulu-Natal and ACT have been using state-of-the-art 3D scanning technology to digitally document significant rock art sites open to the public. As well as providing a permanent digital record, the material will be used for interactive audio-visual displays by provincial management authority, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife.



## Cultural Tourism & Community Upliftment

ACT is assisting the Wilderness Action Group in the *Amagug'esizwe* Project. This project aims to promote cultural tourism and economic development in the Amazizi-Amangwane Community Conservation Area, a region falling between two sections of the Drakensberg mountain world heritage site.

Despite containing a wealth of rock art paintings, the region has been hampered by political, infrastructural and historical neglect. The communities living within the area have a history of being volatile and very wary of outsiders. ACT has worked extensively in the area for a number of years and has slowly gained the trust and acceptance of people in the area. We are serving as a community facilitator for the project, and will be overseeing the signing of stewardship agreements between the two Amakhosi, government departments, and other stakeholders.

Project funded by the United Nations Development Programme (through the Global Environment Facility)



**Partnership Projects**

## *nSimbi Partnerships*

Recognising the need to increase the capacity and influence of the Southern African environment, conservation and heritage sectors, ACT has a strong ethos of working with other Not-for-Profit Organisations (NPOs) and Community Based Organisations (CBOs); transferring skills and building a supportive network that encourages interdependence, knowledge-sharing, advancement and sustainability.

ACT partnered and provided support to seven organisations in 2013, managing total budgets in excess of R25, 7million.

### *African Raptor Trust*

The Raptor Conservation Project will see the renovation of the **African Bird of Prey Sanctuary**. Situated near Pietermaritzburg, the facility is dedicated to the conservation of indigenous raptors through education, research, breeding and rehabilitation projects. The project will include the establishment of an indoor flight area, environmental education material and the upgrading of the rehabilitation hospital.



### *African Spirit*

Based in Estcourt, KZN, African Spirit is providing craft skills training for rural communities. They are also offering training in business planning, proposal writing and other business skills.

### *Growing Parks*

This project is revamping public parks in the Pietermaritzburg region, thereby providing a safe, clean environment for children to play and learn. Tasks include landscaping, improving existing facilities and providing playground equipment.

## Headway Foundation

Headway is currently developing community gardens within the Scottsdene community in the Western Cape. This is an impoverished area suffering from high rates of unemployment and HIV infection. Six food gardens have been established: four at schools, one at a local clinic and one open community garden. Agricultural training and mentorship is also being provided.

## PMMB Trust

The Preservation of Mkondeni Mpushini Biodiversity Trust is engaged in a number of research, public education and legal representation activities to preserve the ecological and environmental integrity of the biodiversity area for the communities living in the vicinity of Pietermaritzburg.

## Wilderness Action Group

This project is currently underway in the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park and aims to promote wilderness conservation regionally and internationally through advocacy, technical planning, management advice, education and training.

## Zakhe Foundation Trust

This project saw the rejuvenation of Zakhe Agricultural College, an NGO and boarding school which is equipping young black students from under-privileged backgrounds with the necessary agricultural skills to either manage existing farms, or to successfully farm their own land. The project also facilitated 21 food gardens at schools and crèches around the Richmond region.



# Awards, Conference Presentations and Media



## Awards

ACT received the Runner-up prize in the *Mail & Guardian Greening the Future Awards* in the Non-profit category (July 2013).

Received the *CyArk 500 Award* for Drakensberg rock art documentation at the CyArk 500 Challenge Launch & Conference (20–22 October 2013, Tower of London, England).

## News Articles

*ACT projects and initiatives appeared in a number of electronic and printed articles these included:*

- *Africa Geographic: 'On the record,'* March 2013.
- *Developing Worlds Online: 'Charity of the Month,'* June 2013.
- *Mail & Guardian: 'Farming in harmony with nature,'* 05 July 2013.
- *Daily News: 'Fracking poses "serious threat,"'* 05 September 2013.
- *News24: 'Drakensberg Cableway Problematic,'* 17 January 2014.

*Please consult our website for more details.*

## Academic Conferences and Presentations

*Sustainable Alternatives to Fracking and Exploration (SAFE) Alliance continues the KZN Fracking Discussion* (05 – 06 September 2013, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal).

*2013 Symposium of Contemporary Conservation Practice: 'Digital documentation of the Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift battlefield sites using modern mapping techniques,'* (04 – 08 November 2013, Howick, KwaZulu-Natal).

*2013 Symposium of Contemporary Conservation Practice: '3D digital recording of rock art sites in the Maloti-Drakensberg Park World Heritage Site as an academic, educational and management tool,'* (04 – 08 November 2013, Howick, KwaZulu-Natal).





**Donors and Finances**

## Donors

- The Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund
- The Department of Environmental Affairs
- The National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund
- WesBank
- The United Nations Development Programme (through the Global Environment Facility)

## Strategic Partnerships

- The Duzi-Umgeni Conservation Trust
- MacButterflies
- The University of KwaZulu-Natal
- Wildlands Conservation Trust (through the South African National Biodiversity Institute)
- Winterskloof & Worlds View Conservancy Trust



# Financial Statements

Mar 2012 - Feb 2013

Mar 2013 - Jan 2014

Balance CF

	R	R
<b>Income</b>	25 090 535.00	8 488 547.00
NLDTF 43202		828 375.00
NLDTF 46053	13 567 544.00	
NLDTF 46023		800 000.00
NLDTF African Raptor		1 600 000.00
CEPF		68 400.00
Wildlands Sanbi		89 400.00
Wesbank GIS		150 000.00
DEA		120 000.00
DUCT		675 002.00
Project Rhino & GivenGain		1 614 991.00
MacButterflies		240 706.00
UNDP Cycad		224 825.00
VAT	1 461 722.00	370 165.00
UKZN		228 950.00
Interest	498 438.00	151 007.00
Isimangaliso Partnership	850 000.00	139 403.00
German Federal Foreign Office	233 829.00	
SeaWorld	121 200.00	
Wesbank	500 000.00	500 000.00
Other	7 857 803.00	687 323.00

<b>Operating expenses</b>	R	24 795 114.00	R	12 191 569.00
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>		295 421.00		-3 703 022.00

	<b>Mar 2012 - Feb 2013</b>	<b>Mar 2013 - Jan 2014</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>	3 542 810.00	8 942 402.00
<b>Current Assets</b>	9 072 921.00	4 138 082.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	12 615 731.00	13 080 484.00
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>	304 917.00	164 971.00
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	4 892 282.00	2 160 963.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	5 197 199.00	2 325 934.00
<b>Equity</b>	7 418 532.00	10 754 550.00
<b>Total Equity &amp; Liabilities</b>	12 615 731.00	13 080 484.00



# Did you know?

the African Conservation Trust has

*Section 18a*

*tax Exemption Status*



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