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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.



3 Part Mission

Conservation:

Create significant and sustainable environmental change, specifically focusing on climate change, water conservation, food security, waste recycling, sustainable energy, preservation of endangered indigenous fauna and flora and greening projects that incorporate poverty alleviation and sustainable livelihoods

Education:

Increase the capacity and expertise of the southern African environment/conservation community, by transferring skills, providing mentorship and building supportive networks that support the development and sustainability of the entire environment/conservation sector.

Innovation:

Use modern technology, specifically GIS capacity to enhance conservation efforts and to pioneer socio-ecological approaches to sustainable protected area management.

Vision

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 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.

ACT's Registrations

- Not-for-Profit Trust No: IT 2174/2000/PMB
- South African Registered Non-Profit Organisation No: NPO 030-243
- SARS Public Benefit Organisation No: 930014758 (*plus Section 18A tax exemption status*)

Memberships & Accreditations

- Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) Accreditation: *Level 2*
- Member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Founding member and secretariat of Project Rhino KZN
- Founding member of the SAFE Alliance (now Frack Free SA)
- Founding member of the Imfolozi Community Alliance
- Co-founder of the Open Food Network, South Africa

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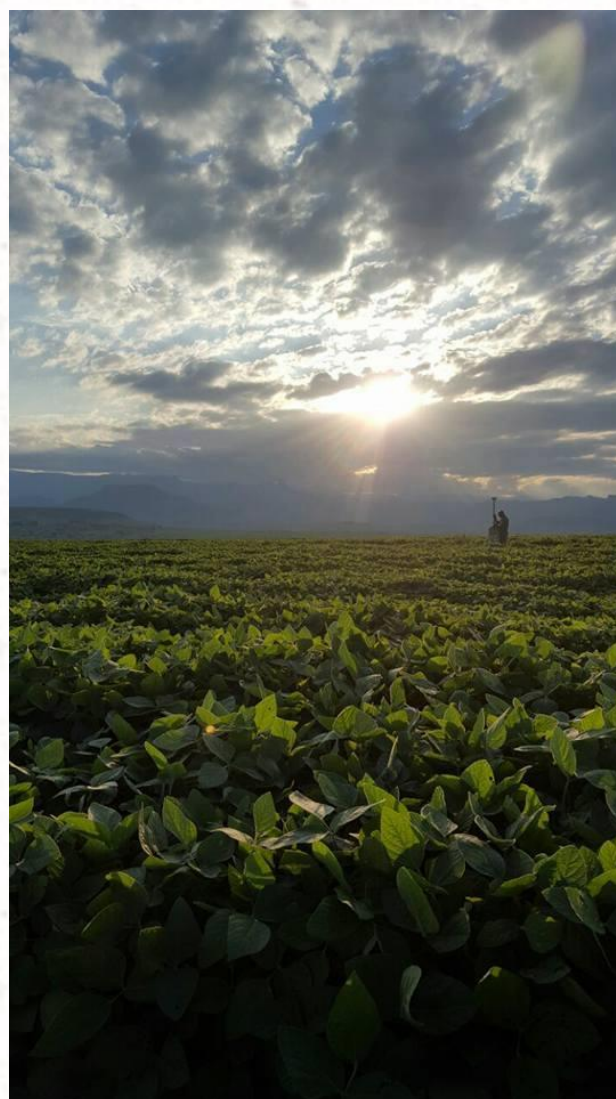
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The year in review

In a little over 16 years, the African Conservation Trust (ACT) has grown from a small volunteer group to an established environmental organisation, increasingly recognised for its efforts in conserving South Africa's biodiversity and natural and cultural heritage. ACT is unique in that it implements a diverse range of environmental projects, and is supported by a passionate board and staff complement, with skills and expertise in a variety of areas.

In the year under review, ACT continued to focus on training in agro-ecological techniques as a means to sustainably alleviate food insecurity and boost household incomes. As part of the eThekweni Municipality Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative, ACT teams provided accredited training to 50 homestead farmers from central and northern eThekweni. These individuals are currently developing their own vegetable gardens, and paying it forward and assisting their fellow community members to establish gardens as well; thereby creating collaborative clusters and agricultural food hubs across the region.

Training was also provided to 130 beneficiaries from the Khula Village region of Mtubatuba. This project, funded by the Foundation for Human Rights, provided small scale farmers with the skills to harvest and store their own seed and therefore continue to grow their own produce year after year.

On the heritage front, ACT continued to partner with specialists from the University of KwaZulu-Natal and AMAFA Heritage KwaZulu-Natal in our digital documentation of significant cultural and historical sites. This year, the Digital Mapping Unit focused on the 3D scanning and photography of rock art at Eland Cave in the Cathedral Peak Wilderness Area. The shelter holds one of the highest concentrations of San rock art in South Africa; though these have become faded over time and some paintings are now barely visible. Utilising specialised image enhancement techniques, the team was able to enhance and reveal many images which had almost been lost to the elements.

ACT's Applied Ecology Unit continued its efforts in biodiversity preservation within the Ithala region. With the assistance of Humane Society International, the team is working towards valuable range expansion for wildlife living within the Reserve, including rhino and elephant populations. We also continued to serve as secretariat for Project Rhino KZN, with Sheelagh Antrobus receiving a prestigious conservation award from Game Rangers Association of Africa for her dedication in her role of Project Rhino coordinator.

Whilst operating in the non-profit sector continues to have its challenges, we are proud of the difference we are making across the environmental sphere. We would like to extend our grateful thanks to our funders and donors who continue to make our work possible.

Food Security through Ecological Agriculture



eThekweni Municipality Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative (EMSLI)

As part of its Municipal Climate Protection programme, the eThekweni Municipality has been implementing a Community Reforestation Programme at three project sites. The programme involves a collaborative effort between the eThekweni Municipality, NGO's and local communities in the restoration of indigenous forests at Buffelsdraai Landfill Site, Inanda Mountain and Paradise Valley. Through these projects, opportunities are created for community upliftment, jobs and local livelihood improvement, whilst establishing natural "carbon sinks" and restoring biodiversity. The Community Reforestation Programme continues to contribute towards mitigating climate change and increasing local resilience.

The African Conservation Trust is implementing the Sustainable Livelihoods, food production and value adding phase of this intervention. The project is 18 months in duration and seeks to train community members in growing food, and establishing homestead food gardens in accordance with ecological agriculture principles.

Value-adding and entrepreneurial activities are also being explored through ACT's Gigabite Guardian, the Open Food Network, and synergies with other NGO's operating in the area.

The project includes a number of activities:

- Provide accredited Agro-Ecological training to 50 micro-farmers
- Assist these farmers to develop gardens, with mentorship for remainder of project
- Pay-it-Forward: Beneficiaries then assist a further 5 to 10 micro-farmers in their community to develop their own gardens
- Explore and promote entrepreneurial activities: bee-keeping training, value-adding and promotion of links to markets

The project will have far reaching effects toward household food security, improving farming and entrepreneurial skills and increasing income generating opportunities throughout the project communities.



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Dukuduku Forest Open Pollinated Seedling Nursery & Seed Distribution Centre

ACT provided seed saving training to 130 micro-farmers from the Dukuduku Forest region of northern KwaZulu-Natal; an area severely affected by soil erosion, climate change, and food insecurity. In the workshops they learnt how to collect and store seed, as well as the fundamental principles of how to grow their own crops using environmentally friendly principles. Beneficiaries were also provided with a selection of different seed varieties, seed saving toolkits and on-going mentorship. A seedling nursery was established to provide local community gardeners with heirloom seeds and seedlings, and to serve as a venue for the exchange of seeds and ideas.

Funding for this project is facilitated by the [Foundation for Human Rights](#), which is funded by the [Government of Flanders](#).

Phumlani Agro-Ecological Training

African Conservation Trust was contracted to do permaculture training for 50 small growers from the Phumlani community by uMkhulu Social Development Trust (USDT). Phumlani is a township located in the south of Hluhluwe, less than 20 km from a number of KZN's most popular game reserves. Many families live below the poverty line with unemployment levels running in excess of 60%, resulting in high levels of crime and substance abuse.

ACT conducted 5 days permaculture training for the beneficiaries and, together with USDT, helped to establish small vegetable gardens to help support nutritional intake. Mentorship, tools and garden material was also provided.

The training is a component of a larger food security initiative funded by the National Lotteries Commission via Inkanyamba Development Trust in a partnership application.



GigaBite Guardian Database & Open Food Network SA

ACT continued to develop and refine the GigaBite Guardian platform, together with the experienced [Kandu](#) development team. The long term aim is to develop a platform which will facilitate both the cooperation of small scale growers, and the collaboration of NGOs working toward food security. The database has become more stable and user-friendly and data collection has continued at ACT project sites.

The South African Open Food Network (OFN) is aimed at *“connecting people who eat food directly with people who produce food,”* by using an open source software platform. The local South African platform is a three way partnership between the African Conservation Trust, Kandu software developers and the Open Food Foundation (<http://ofn.kandu.co.za/>). It allows producers and food hubs to offer their wares for sale directly to buyers. Food entrepreneurs are able to market their produce for free on the platform and connect with other partners in the area. The benefit of this is that it affords better prices and higher earnings all round by eliminating the need for middle men. It also eliminates food waste and lowers emissions associated with food distribution.

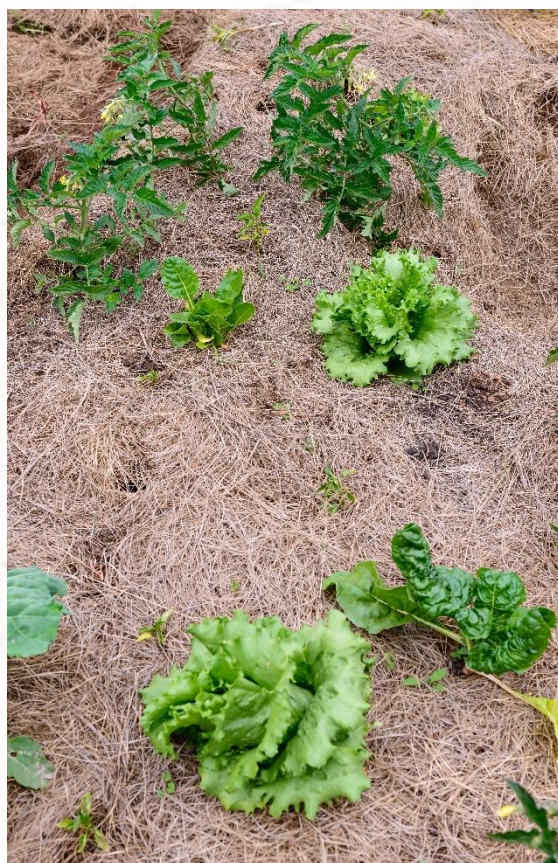


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NETWORK
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Promoting Food Security in Richmond and Mtubatuba

In the 2010 – 2014 period, ACT implemented a number of large scale food security initiatives in the Richmond and greater Mtubatuba regions. Although project support has ended, ACT continued to fund mentors within these project communities to provide assistance to beneficiaries and the general public.

In Richmond, where ACT assisted in the development of over 300 homestead and 20 school gardens, gardeners have established their own self-managed collective and sell produce to a local supermarket as well as at community markets. Demonstrations and information days, open to all community members, were also given at both locations.



Biodiversity Conservation



The iSimangaliso Wetland Park Youth Environmental Education Programme

This project is lending logistical and operational support to the iSimangaliso Authority's Education Programme, offering groups of school children from underprivileged backgrounds the opportunity of visiting the park to learn more about the park's biodiversity, particularly marine life.

Small groups of learners, together with their teachers, spend a day visiting different areas of the park with an experienced guide. Here they receive a hands-on learning experience as they interact with a variety of plant and fish species, as well as witnessing the park's wildlife in their natural habitat.

The Authority aims to bring 150 schools, totalling 2400 learners and 300 educators, into the Park over the next few years. The current programme is funded by the Department of Environmental Affairs and the National Lotteries Commission.



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. 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.

FUNDS RAISED

The ACT Rhino Fund generated support of R1,5 million + during the 2016 financial year. 100% of this funding will be put to effective use in key priority areas and projects, which include:

- **Support for the Zululand Anti-Poaching Wing (ZAP-Wing)**, a fixed-wing aircraft flying over 26 game reserves; as well as funding emergency helicopter reactions and a critically-needed Ops Base at the Hluhluwe Airfield for law enforcement & rhino security operations in northern KZN.
- Providing **Skills training for rangers and anti-poaching units** throughout KwaZulu-Natal, and providing direct support to game reserves through the provision of equipment and other support.
- Supporting the **Rhino Art – Let Our Children's Voices Be Heard** campaign, reaching approximately 80,000 children with an important conservation education message, and improving rural community/game reserve relations in high poaching risk areas at the same time.
- **Lobbying for better prosecutions & convictions**

Project Rhino KZN

Formed in 2011, Project Rhino KZN unites 18 renowned organisations, including the provincial government body (Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife), well-known conservation NGOs and private rhino owners. It has pioneered an ethos of collaboration and has become the conservation conscience of the province in the fight against rhino poaching.

24 private game reserves and 8 Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife provincial game reserves benefit directly. Project Rhino KZN also tackles macro-level issues that affect all rhino stakeholders in the province and initiates anti-poaching strategies that benefit all rhino, regardless of whether they are to be found in provincial or private game reserves.



ACT continues to provide the valuable Secretariat & Co-ordination duties for Project Rhino KZN which includes:

1. Managing communications and maintaining relationships between EKZNW, private game reserves and conservation NGOs ;
2. Providing strategic direction for the association and representing the KZN conservation community at provincial, national and international levels;
3. Mobilizing resources against rhino poaching;
4. Managing fundraising efforts and maintaining relationships with celebrity supporters, major donors and the general public;
5. Act as the public face of Project Rhino KZN – particularly with schools, rural communities, general public, government, businesses, international stakeholders and the media;
6. Providing overall financial management of the ACT Rhino Fund: transparent and accountable distribution of funding and reporting;
7. Providing financial management for three major projects: ZAP-Wing, the Rhino Art campaign and the Youth Summit initiative;
8. Strategic relationship building to raise awareness of the plight of rhinos, and of the conservation personnel who are putting their lives on the line in the name of duty.

The Greater Ithala Complex

The Ithala Complex (incorporating Ithala Game Reserve) is home to a number of significant plant and animal species, including the Lebombo cycad, Pepper-bark 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. The northern boundary of Ithala Game Reserve is the unfenced Pongola River. Of concern is the reserve's growing elephant population who frequently cross this river into community lands.

In the 2013, *Securing the Provision of Ecosystem Services in the Greater Ithala Complex* project (funded by the Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund), social ecologists engaged 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. Building on these relationships, ACT has been working with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, the Kencaan Foundation and Humane Society International (HSI) to find sustainable solutions for the Complex, particularly regarding elephant contraception and range expansion.

HSI is generously funding a 4 year programme which seeks find viable and long term solutions for wildlife in the Reserve. ACT's Applied Ecology Unit is currently working towards range expansion for elephant and rhino habitat and the establishment of sustainable communities around the protected area through integrated land-use planning and the building of strategic partnerships.

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 has been implementing various conservation measures, including conducting a comprehensive survey of existing cycad populations and the micro chipping of cycads that are at heightened risk. A cycad nursery was also established in Mkhuze, linked to a propagation programme to re-populate cycads in the wild.

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

The African Conservation Trust has recently formed the “Applied Ecology Unit”. The purpose of this team is 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. The Applied Ecology Unit consists of both fulltime staff, employed by ACT, and associates, with specialist skills, from other organisations.



GIS & Laser Scanning Technologies



Soil Erosion Modelling Project

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 University of KZN Foundation Trust received funding from the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund (now the National Lotteries Commission) 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.

Gulley Erosion Scanning

The Mnweni and AmaZizi valleys are situated between two sections of the Maloti Drakensberg Park and are a critical water source for the country. The area is severely degraded and as a result huge quantities of soil are being washed downstream into the Woodstock Dam.

In 2010, ACT received funding for an erosion rehabilitation project that employed local teams to rehabilitate dongas using manual techniques such as stone packing and planting vetiver grass.

ACT has been monitoring one of these dongas to quantify the rehabilitation process. The donga was evaluated using drone mapping and 3D laser scanning technologies, which makes it possible to accurately measure stone packs and silt retention. This is useful not only in monitoring progress but also in reporting to project funders with quantifiable data.

Technology Training

ACT works in close partnership with the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) on its heritage documentation projects and has been involved in teaching and demonstrations at the University since 2012. ACT once again took part in the annual UKZN survey camp where the students scanned the Shongweni Dam Wall as part of the scan practical. This exposure to cutting edge technology provides young land survey students with valuable hands-on experience. A YouTube video of the Shongweni scan can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAxaKY3s0HE&feature=youtu.be>



Heritage Preservation & Digital Documentation



Imaging Survey of Eland Cave

Eland Cave, in the Maloti Drakensberg Park, is one of the best painted sites in the country and gets its name from the vast number of eland painted on its walls. The San not only relied on the Eland for meat and nourishment, but believed that the Eland had a mystical potency which resided in the blood and fat of the animal. ACT was contracted by AMAFA Heritage KwaZulu-Natal to digitally photograph the entire site. Once high resolution photographs had been taken and stitched together, specialised image enhancement techniques, developed by Jon Harman, were used to enhance and reveal faded paintings which had been lost over time. A virtual tour of the site was also created and the cave was modelled using 3D laser scanning. These resulting datasets can be used in its management, monitoring and as a permanent digital record.

Image Enhancement at Bulwer Mountain

The heritage team utilised the same image enhancement techniques on rock art in the Bulwer region. Bulwer Mountain Shelter No. 1 is an Open Site that is relatively easy to get to, but sadly its convenient location has also meant that it has been susceptible to graffiti and general misuse.

At this site, an eland is depicted apparently 'entering' a curtain of natural mineral

deposits on the parent rock. It can be explained as a way of illustrating how shamans or animals entered or came from the spirit world where they could receive power to make rain, heal the sick or control game animals.

Image enhancement, virtual tours and interactive 3D model of these sites can be viewed from the respective pages on our Heritage website, www.actheritage.org, or visit our profile on www.sketchfab.com.

Cultural Tourism & Community Upliftment

ACT is assisting the Wilderness Action Group in the *Amagug'esizwe* Pilot 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.

Tourism activities being explored include community-guided hikes, a trail for disabled persons and cultural experiences. The project also aims to support and mentor wilderness and cultural groups and to facilitate the process of signing stewardship agreements between the two Amakhosi and Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife.

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

Partnership Projects



School Leavers Opportunity Trust

The School Leavers Opportunity Trust (SLOT) was a partnership project implementing an Expanded Public Works programme in Mpophomeni community, just outside Howick. It included a training component, and paid a stipend for community members to attend training and do some basic community work.

Future Farmers Foundation Trust

ACT works closely with the [Future Farmers Foundation](#), whose mentorship programme is uniquely geared to provide experiential training and on site transfer of skills and knowledge. The Foundation provides a platform from which young men and women who would otherwise be unable to attend tertiary education, but who are passionate about agriculture, can become successful commercial farm managers or farmers in their own right. Future Farmers provides them with an apprenticeship system whereby they are placed on farms to gain experience, starting from the bottom and learning a large variety of skills.

ACT has employed, trained and grown many of these Future Farmers into mentors for our food security programmes and is currently the single largest employer of Future Farmers in South Africa.

National Lotteries Commission Partnership Projects

ACT continued to provide support to four organisations over the financial year, implementing projects in a variety of environmental fields. The partnership process aims to build capacity of small or new organisations and ACT provides assistance in aspects such as administration, policy development and financial management where required. Since 2013, ACT has provided support to seven organisations, managing total budgets in excess of R25 million.

African Raptor Trust

The Raptor Conservation Project is currently renovating 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.



African Spirit

Based in Estcourt, African Spirit is providing craft skills, such as clay beading and soap making training, for rural communities. They are also offering training in business planning, proposal writing and other business skills.

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 Maloti Drakensberg Park and aims to promote wilderness conservation regionally and internationally through advocacy, technical planning, management advice, education and training.



Frack Free South Africa

In 2012, ACT, together with Treasure the Karoo Action Group, the Wilderness Alliance and the Endangered Wildlife Trust, founded the Sustainable Alternatives to Fracking & Exploration (SAFE) Alliance, a group serving as a platform to oppose hydraulic fracturing, “fracking,” and seek alternative, more sustainable development options for targeted fracking areas.

This has now evolved to embrace [Frack Free SA](#) – a volunteer alliance which opposes, on ecological, health, social, and economic grounds, the use of Fracking or other techniques to recover unconventional gas. It is specifically concerned about the risk of contamination of groundwater in an already water-stressed environment. As a cause so pertinent to all of us, Frack Free SA has gained extraordinary support from a broad range of organisations, community groups, farmers, traditional leaders and concerned citizens from all walks of life.

The alliance (including ACT CEO, Francois du Toit) continues to educate and inform the public about their rights and the dangers of fracking, including maintaining an open presence at public information meetings, and presentations at environmental events and public forums.

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iMfolozi Community Wilderness Alliance (ICWA)

African Conservation Trust is a founder member of the iMfolozi Community Wilderness Alliance (ICWA) and an active campaigner for environmental rights and the rights of communities affected by mines and other environmentally hazardous activities. The iMfolozi Alliance was formed in August 2015 to unify opposition to the Fuleni Coal Mine on the border of the iMfolozi Wilderness area and emphasize community involvement in the *Save our iMfolozi Wilderness* campaign conducted by the [Global Environmental Trust](#).

The iMfolozi Wilderness lies within the oldest proclaimed nature reserve in Africa,

home to a vast array of wildlife, including the Big Five. It also has a strong cultural heritage, dating back to the Stone Age with a strong connection to Zulu people, including King Shaka. The region currently supports the greatest concentration of rhinoceros in the world, but experts fear that this mine will clear the way for poachers. iButho Coal also seeks to relocate 16,000 people from area, a footprint of over 12,000 hectares.

This campaign is seen to be one of the most bitterly contested battles in KwaZulu-Natal's environmental history. It is also one of the most successful alliances between conservation and environmental and social justice.



Awards, Academic Conferences & Media



Press

This year, the book *'Transfrontier Conservation Areas: People living on the edge,'* in which Steven Matema is a co-author of three chapters was selected to be made available in paperback as part of the Routledge Paperbacks Direct programme. Routledge is a global publisher of academic books, journals and online reference (www.routledge.com).

ACT projects and initiatives also appeared in a number of electronic and printed media, these included:

- ACT's CEO, Francois du Toit, was interviewed by 50-50 and E-News teams in their investigations on Fracking in the KZN Midlands (March, 2016).
- ACT's GigaBite Guardian food grower database was featured in Risk Africa article, *"Watering the farm: technology for times of drought,"* by Sarah Bassett (April, 2016).
- *"New Technologies to Preserve Ancient Pasts,"* an article on ACT's heritage work shared by the Trust for African Rock Art (TARA) on their website (April, 2016).
- *"Soil, seed, sweat, determination,"* featured ACT's efforts towards small scale agriculture in the Richmond region, by Terry van der Walt in the Sunday Tribune (June, 2016).
- 1 KZN TV featured the handover of equipment for the 50 growers in the Phumlani Food Security Project, together with uMkhusu Social Development Trust (June, 2016).
- A 50-50 insert on indigenous butterflies, featured the Eshowe Butterfly Dome and the conservation efforts of Dr Americo Bonkewtizz (August, 2016).
- *"Around the World in 80 Models: South Africa, pt. 2,"* feature on ACT's digital heritage work in the Maloti Drakensberg by Abby Crawford and Néstor F. Marqués of Sketchfab (January, 2017).



Events and Conference

Presentations

ACT attended the Sustainable Living Expo at the Durban Exhibition Centre, showcasing our work in the Ethekewini Municipality Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative (19 – 21 August, 2016).

Francois du Toit continued to present on the dangers of fracking to a number of forums and community groups, including at the Frack Free Festival in Matatiele (October, 2016).

Steven Matema, Management Consultant (Social Ecology), presented at the Selection Conference of the Volkswagen Foundation Project "*Livelihood Management, Reforms and Processes of Structural Change*", in Berlin (January, 2017). This was part of the selection for Postdoctoral Fellowship grants; he was one of nine people to be offered a grant.

Awards

PRKZN coordinator, Sheelagh Antrobus, was placed first in the Awareness, Education and Funding category at the *Game Rangers Association of Africa Rhino Conservation Awards* ceremony held at Monte Casino, Fourways (July, 2016).

Agriculture mentor, Zimele Jili won his category at the Department of Economic Development & Tourism Awards held in Pietermaritzburg. Zimele was recognised for his work promoting food security in his community (December, 2016).



Project Funders and Financial Information



Our grateful thanks to all the funders and donors who supported our efforts this past financial year.

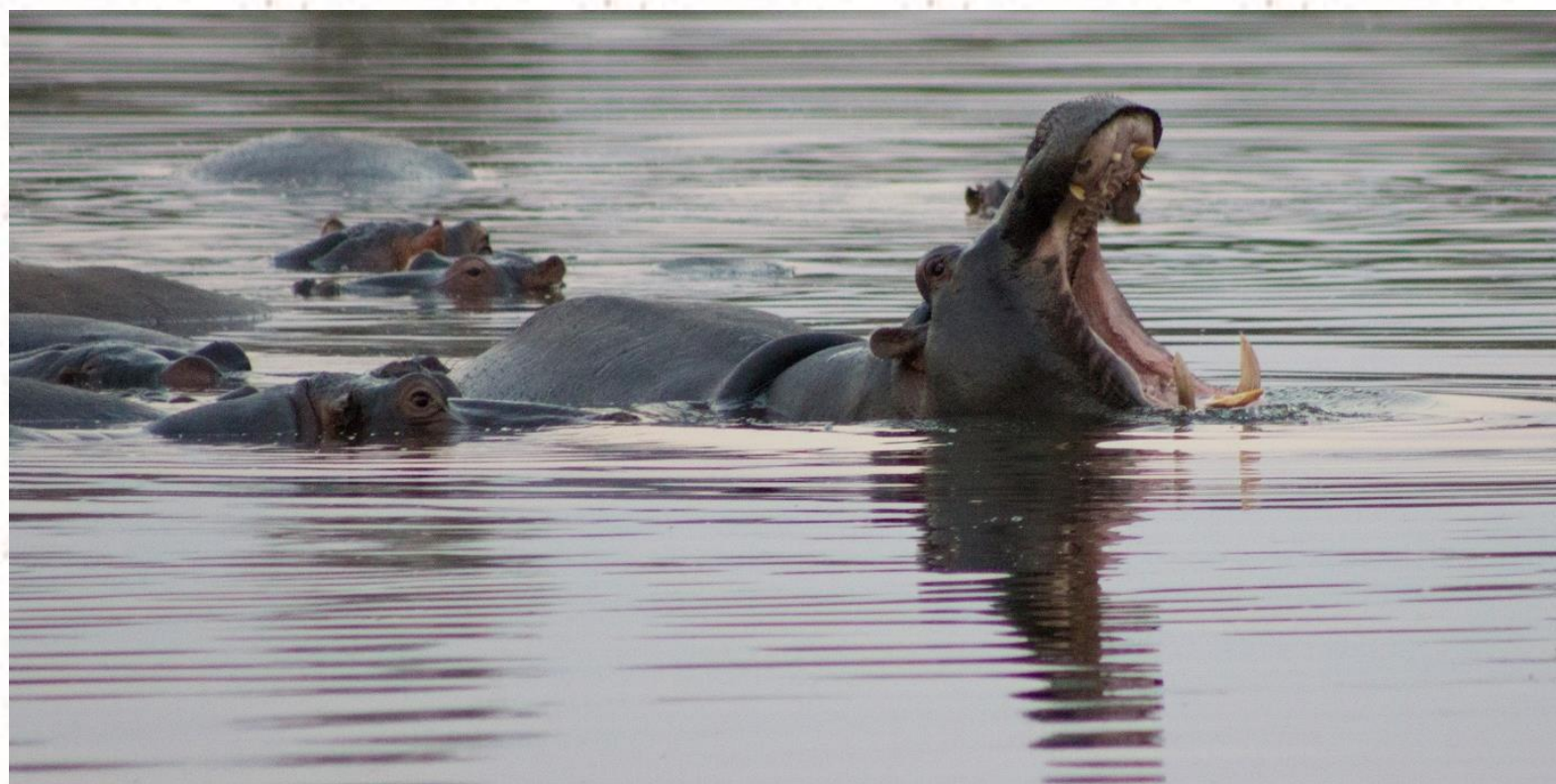
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- The Department of Environmental Affairs
- The Foundation for Human Rights
- The National Heritage Council of South Africa
- The National Lotteries Commission
- The United Nations Development Programme (through the Global Environment Facility)

Strategic Partners

- Business World Skills Developers
- Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife
- Future Farmers Foundation Trust
- Inkanyamba Development Trust
- iSimangaliso Wetland Park
- School Leavers Opportunity Trust
- The University of KwaZulu-Natal & The University of KZN Foundation Trust

This list excludes donations made to the ACT Rhino Fund and Project Rhino KZN toward anti-poaching efforts. For more information please consult the PRKZN website: www.projectrhinokzn.org



Financial Statements

Mar 2016 - Feb 2017

Mar 2015 - Feb 2016

Balance CF

Income	R9 826 267,29	R21 672 097,00
Administration Income	R223 140,00	
NLDTF - African Spirit		R828 375,00
NLDTF - PMMBT/WAG/Zakhe	R200 000,00	R3 391 887,00
NLDTF 43204		R400 000,00
NLDTF 54710		R5 050 705,00
AMAFA	R208 014,24	
Department Environmental Affairs		R2 859 000,00
Donations - other	R5 469 857,20	
FHR		R108 000,00
Future Farmer 15 Training	R384 750,00	R118 500,00
Project Rhino & GivenGain	R1 560 322,93	R3 530 167,00
Hangarage Income		R9 000,00
KZN eThekwini	R241 429,66	
MacButterflies	R119 000,00	R120 000,00
SAFE	R275 000,00	R1 410 000,00
SLOT	R30 720,00	R518 904,00
UNDP Cycad	R223 000,00	R264 800,00
UNDP WAG	R32 500,00	R22 550,00
VAT		R292 603,00
Interest	R253 548,35	
Isimangaliso Partnership	R43 261,72	R294 939,00
Wesbank		R1 000 000,00
Wildlands SANBI	R223 140,00	R49 520,00
US Youth Summit Grant		
Other	R320 201,19	R790 131,00
Seedling Sales	R20 882,00	

Operating expenses	R12 564 177,75	R18 098 697,00
Surplus/Deficit	R2 737 910,46	R3 573 400,00

Non-Current Assets	R8 706 575,64	R8 373 139,00
Current Assets	R12 543 749,24	R10 988 846,00
Total Assets	R21 250 324,88	R19 361 985,00

Non-Current Liabilities	-	-
Current Liabilities	R2 142 715,91	R2 646 128,00
Total Liabilities	R2 142 715,91	R2 646 128,00

Equity	R19 107 608,97	R16 715 857,00
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Total Equity & Liabilities	R21 250 324,88	R19 361 985,00
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