

Growing from strength to strength

The Timbavati Foundation has grown from strength to strength during the past two years, necessitating the appointment of a fulltime Manager.

We are proud to announce the appointment of Mrs Cecilia van der Merwe. Cecilia takes over the duties of Letitia Brits from 1 August 2012 as full time Manager of the Timbavati Foundation.

Cecilia is currently spending time with Letitia and the EE Facilitators to obtain all the necessary background of the different Foundation projects.

Cecilia worked as Customer Consultant at Standard Bank Hoedspruit from 2004 to 2011. Her responsibilities included opening new accounts, loans, home loans and visiting rural schools to open accounts and look for new business.

She represented Standard Bank Hoedspruit at the bank's transformation meetings in Polokwane every month. She also arranged community projects which included the painting of schools and donations for an orphanage near Trichardtsdal.

We welcome her and wish her all the best for her future with the Timbavati Foundation.

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Congratulations to our bright Bursary Students



Vukosi Ndlovu has successfully completed her six month bridging course with an 85% final mark. She excelled at her studies at the Southern African Wildlife College and was awarded overall best learner in the Environmental Education and Field ranger courses.

The SAWC reported that Vukosi has a strong personality with good leadership qualities. As a class representative she could always be counted on and performed all tasks to the best of her ability. She would be a good candidate for the tourism or educational sphere of conservation.



Marshine Makutu also finished her bridging course successfully with a total of 85%. Marshine maintained a high standard and with future development she will be a good candidate for the tourism or community liaison aspects of conservation.

Both these students did their practical at the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve and have proven to be promising young conservationists.

Projects Progress

Sokisi High's new toilet facilities. The first phase of the Sokisi High School's enviro-loo building project has been completed. A new toilet block with 4 toilets has been installed. Another 6 toilets will be completed during the next building phase.



Netted vegetable gardens completed Seven netted gardens to the amount of R52,300 have been completed. The following schools received netted gardens, Mungena, Sokisi, Maakere, Phuledi High, Beretta, Mahlekisana Primary school and the Yellow Elephant School. These communities will soon be reaping the benefits of productive veggie gardens.



Exciting experience for Bush school learners

Bush school learners were invited to observe a lion immobilisation that was performed as part of a registered research project in the Timbavati Reserve. Learners were awestruck by the size and magnificence of the huge male lion during their close-up encounter with the animal.



We thank the Timbavati Ecologist and his team for their efforts in involving the bush school learners in this wonderful learning opportunity.

Recent Donors

JACKALBERRY – R50 000 AND ABOVE

Deutsche Bank Africa Foundation,
Tom and Kerry Hancock

FEVER TREE – R10 000 AND ABOVE

Kings Camp

KNOBTHORN – R 1 000 AND ABOVE

Howard and Ingrid Walker

Total Donations 2011/12

Financial year

TIMBAVATI PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE

R610 798

TIMBAVATI MEMBERS

R1 312 635

NON MEMBERS

R7 500

Approved projects for 2012/13

Enviro-Loo toilets – R 70 000
Netted Vegetable Gardens – R 32 000
SA Wildlife Collage Bursaries – R 30 000
Phelwana Clinic – R 30 000
Yellow Elephant Project – R 19 800

Action speaks louder than words.

Kings Camp's exemplary support of the Timbavati Foundation is setting a new benchmark for all commercial lodges.

As part of their social responsibility the Kings Camp owners request their guests to contribute R10 per person per day towards the Timbavati Foundation. This is a voluntary donation. Management have printed a card which is placed in each guest room informing them of the donation.

Included in the Kings Camp room folders are 2 pages on the Foundation which is displayed in each room.

We are very grateful for your support!

Help make a difference to
someone's life by making a
direct donation to:

Timbavati Foundation Current account

Account nr: 27 298 304 7

Branch nr: 052752

Swift nr: SBZAJJ

Bank: Standard Bank Hoedspruit