

Sustainability Report

Annexure

SG Mobility



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'NDUMO COMMUNITY PROJECT'

Ndumo Game Reserve is located in Northern Maputoland along the Mozambican border, adjacent to the Tembe Elephant Park. Ndumo is well-known for its swamps and pans that attract a variety of birds, making it a paradise for bird watchers. It is situated at the junction of the Usuthu and Pongolo rivers' floodplain systems, which are the largest floodplain systems in South Africa. The reserve was registered as a Ramsar site in terms of the Ramsar Convention on wetlands in 1971. Ramsar sites are wetlands of international importance, designated under the Ramsar Convention. This provides for the conservation and good use of wetlands.

In 2000, Tshwane University of Technology was asked to come on board to assist in educating the surrounding community about the importance of Ndumo's biodiversity and to assist Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife in building better relationships with the community. From 2000, the reserve has become an asset for the local community, as it is now known as a place where one could get educated about the importance of the environment. But sadly the reserve has also become a place where one could make a living through illegal activities. Due to the high poverty rate, the community is now using subsistent poaching as a means to survive. The project is now trying to educate the community about the evils of poaching through intense anti-poaching programmes for all ages and have incorporated various other initiatives to eradicate this poaching issue, ie skill development programme (knitting clubs, ecowarrior clubs, vegetable gardening and recycling). Sadly due to the worst drought in 65 years, the gardening project was stopped and the community found the distance too far to transport glass, plastic and tins for recycling. All their hard earned cash was going into vehicle maintenance and petrol.

From discussions with our teachers in our 20 schools and with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, it became imperative that another way was needed to assist the community, as the teachers could not educate

a hungry child. Their learners were falling asleep in class and failing their tests. This not only put them in a bad light due to their low pass rates, but the children's health was below standard and there was also a high absenteeism due to the lack of a proper diet. They also had high numbers of orphans in their class who came to school hungry and really suffered from malnutrition. That is why ePap came on board seven years ago and what a difference this miracle pap has made.

I would like to thank Econocom foods, especially Dr Basil Kransdorff and his team for making this miracle happen. On 25 June, the community's surprise arrived. Six tons of ePap was delivered to the Ndumo Environmental Education Centre. I would like to thank the following people who helped to make this miracle happen:

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- Mandy de Lange for all the coordination
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The ePap was distributed to the orphan care centre (Don Mthembu), the drop in centre (Rose Nyawo), to homesteads throughout the Ndumo community, worked with orphan caregivers who assisted us in identifying orphan homes, to school learners (17 groups) who attended the three-week holiday programme, orphans at the Ndumo clinic (Sister Jabu assisted), rangers at Ndumo Game Reserve, as well as Tembe Elephant Park rangers also received ePap as they are fighting the rhino war as well as the subsistent poaching in the area. There is still ePap ready to be delivered to the schools for the orphans at school.



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- 1 ePap arriving on 25 June
- 2 & 7 Distributing to households with nutritional needs
- 3 Child headed household
- 4 Single parent household
- 5 School learners received 2kg of ePap
- 6 Offloading the truck
- 8 Educating a group of ladies at Ndumo
- 9 Thabo with a few orphans