



# WE ARE THE WILD



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WILDTRUST (registered as the Wildlands Conservation Trust - IT No.4329/1991/PMB) is a South African Non-Profit, Non-Government and Public Welfare Organisation, established in 2004 through the merger of two regional Trusts. It pursues the realisation of its vision of "A Thriving and Resilient World" through two core programmes: WILDLANDS and WILDOCEANS. WILDLANDS focuses on protecting and restoring terrestrial biodiversity and wildlife, empowering and uplifting communities.

WILDOCEANS protects and restores marine and coastal biodiversity while building resilience for coastal communities. Both programmes aim to enhance sustainability and impact through future leader development, science and knowledge generation, support to decision-makers and management authorities, community development and livelihoods support, awareness and communication, and advocacy and campaigning.

WILDTRUST respects the inter-connectedness of all things and is working to bring humankind and nature back into balance by reducing the impact of humanity, while providing opportunities for people and nature to thrive. WILDTRUST reconnects, regenerates, restores, and empowers people and planet.

Through funding secured from the German government, through the Global Nature Fund, WILDTRUST has been implementing a project contributing to increasing the resilience and adaptation to global climate change in two rural communities in KZN. One of the project goals is to increase participation in the wilderness-based economy through training of nature guides in Tshanini-Bhekula and KwaJobe. Through this project, WILDTRUST and BushBode have been given the opportunity to train 10 individuals from the KwaJobe and Tshanini-Bhekula communities in the FGASA NATURE SITE GUIDE (NQF2) qualification.

Our 10 future field guides are currently in month 6 of intensive FGASA training with BushBode. They have been able to do this training at the local Bhekula Nature Reserve. Once qualified in June 2024, WILDTRUST would like to place these 10 individuals at game/nature reserves in order to continue their practical training.

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