Environmental Management

Makuya Nature Reserve

Sharing experiences: Hunting opportunities and transformation in the industry
Makuya Co-Management Committee

Makuya Nature Reserve

Major shareholder: 94% Makuya Traditional Council is headed by its Senior Traditional Leader Thovhele Vho-L.N.R. Makuya
Makuya Nature Reserve

Our Vision, “To be the most international and national tourist attraction whereby people and animals share fenceless environment respectfully and peacefully”

Goal: “To develop Makuya Nature Reserve to be the sustainable eco-tourism world-class centre for the benefit of our current and future communities”

Our Motto “Nothing on Our Land about Us for Us without Us”
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Who are we
- Share fenceless border with Kruger National Park, a big 4 game reserve inside Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Park bordering KNP Pafuri and Makuleke on Luuvhu and Mutale rivers
- Member of Limpopo People and Parks
- 13808 hectares of which 94% land contributed by Makuya Traditional Council, 5.6% by Mutele Traditional Council and 0.41% by Mphaphuli Traditional Council
Managed by the Co-Management Committee.
“We don’t talk much, we consult continuously and deliver to our communities”
- Opportunities: Mountain trails, hunting, tourism, fishing
- Challenges: Infrastructure maintenance (Game Fence and roads),
  Release of hunting quota on time KNP, Why not treated as APNR
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Community Benefits Makuya - 84%, Mutele 10.6% and Mphaphuli 5%

1. Hunting income is divided into three traditional councils as per % above

2. Hunting income and meat allocated to villages who contributed land into the nature reserves according % land contribution

3. Community development through sponsoring cultural dances and sports

4. Employment and business developments target surrounding villages in all projects
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Where is the money going? (Makuya Traditional Council)

Good years, R2m+ profit, Bad years R300k-R500k

- 50% Makuya Traditional Council
  - to government
- 10% Makuya Royal Council
- 10% Makuya Community Development Trust
- 30% Land contributors – 7 villages, community projects
Our Projects:
1. **Fight** poaching, finding each other, commercialisation (US investors)
2. **Electrify Singo Camp** through solar system
3. **Building of staff houses** by LEDET inside Makuya Nature Reserve
4. **Building new Singo lodge**
5. **Makuya Tshikondeni Development Foundation:** Solar and bio energy, **Tshikondeni village as part of the nature reserve**
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Our experiences
- Facilitate eco-tourism and commercialisation
- We are too black in the industry and to KNP culture
- Ledet transformed and supportive
- Markets too whitely protected and strong collusion
- Government not prioritising looking after the animals even if resources are available
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Where we want to be
- Internationally recognised
- One inclusive, sustainable environmental tourism centre supported by its surroundings
- Community benefits from camps, trails and fishing
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It is not easy.... It is not all well....

- Business knowledge
- Social cohesion and stability
- Technical know-how
- Focus and love of your land
- Long journey ..... Future generations
- Legalities and traditional land ownership
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THANK YOU!!!!

Discussions

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