# TANDA TULA

SOUTH AFRICA: Timbavati Private Nature Reserve



# Tanda Tula Community & Conservation

## **GROUND HORNBILL RESEARCH PROJECT**

As a long-term support initiative of the Ground Hornbill Research Project that is ongoing in the Timbavati and surrounding reserves, Tanda Tula provides a monthly fuel donation for the field vehicle of the Ground Hornbill Project. In addition, Tanda Tula's rangers provide feedback of all Ground Hornbill sightings to the researchers, and record these sightings on the Cybertracker system employed at Tanda Tula. Tanda Tula has also provided regular assistance to the project by making personnel available to assist with nest inspections and other field work together with the Ground Hornbill research staff.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRIBUTION**

Tanda Tula Safari Camp is committed to operating a sustainable camp, ensuring as little impact as possible on the environment. They have a sustainability policy that includes an on-going program of energy efficiency improvements in order to minimize their reliance on electrical power.

Tanda Tula also focuses on grey and waste water processing, recycling and re-use of all waste, efficient vehicle fuel management, vehicle impact rehabilitation, erosion site rehabilitation and road maintenance.

To ensure minimum impact on the environment, Tanda Tula has a 6-person policy for all game viewing vehicles during game drives.

Tanda Tula has also been awarded the Green Leaf Committed 2 Efficiency Award.

Visit the Green Leaf Eco Standard website for more information.

#### **HEALTHCARE**

Focused on healthcare for both their team and the greater community, Tanda Tula is a sponsor of the Hlokomela HIV Aids Clinic.

Hlokomela is an independent NPO. Clinics have been established throughout the area to provide primary healthcare and HIV/Aids treatment and counseling.

In conjunction with Hlokomela, Tanda Tula has established an HIV/Aids awareness program for all staff and their families.

Visit the Hlokomela website for more information.

#### **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION**

One of Tanda Tula's main areas of focus in skills development and education is with their staff. They believe that on-going training in all sectors of the business not only improves skills, but also empowers people.

## AFRICAN SAFARI LODGE FOUNDATION AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILDLIFE COLLEGE

Tanda Tula has partnered with the African Safari Lodge Foundation (ASLF) and the Southern African Wildlife College (SAWC) and is participating in the pilot program of "Best Practice Training" for Field Guides who come from disadvantaged backgrounds and specifically from the local communities surrounding the Greater Kruger National Park. The program involves sending one of their own staff on a 3-month training program where Tanda Tula hosts a community member in practical training.

#### TANDA TULA ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMME

There is a huge need for adult literacy across Southern Africa and the same applies to the staff at Tanda Tula Safari Camp. Tanda Tula believes in investing in people and helping their staff so that they can help themselves. Weekly classes are run by a qualified teacher who focuses on basic literacy through to assisting staff to achieve their higher learning and tertiary education goals.