



GIVING BACK & CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT OUR COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

Mhondoro's entire operation is based on sound environmental conservation practices. In Welgevonden Game Reserve, spread across 35 000 hectares, a diverse variety of natural habitats provides sanctuary to 2000 plant species, 350 bird species and more than 50 different type of mammals, including the 'Big 5', as well as numerous rare and unusual species such as brown hyena, aardwolf, pangolin and aardvark.

GAME RE-INTRODUCTORY PROGRAMME

Mhondoro plays a key role in the game re-introductory programme of Welgevonden Game Reserve. A R30 million game purchase programme is currently underway to increase the existing game population with the introduction of more impala, wildebeest, zebra, waterbuck and hippo. Developed by the Welgevonden Scientific Steering Committee, under the leadership of Professor Herbert Prins of Wageningen University in the Netherlands, the project is the result of extensive academic research into the specific nutritional conditions on the reserve. The first half of the required capital is being financed through an interest-free loan of R15 million, provided by the owners of Mhondoro, Frank and Myriam Vogel's MF Foundation.

RHINO EDUCATIONAL BUSHWALKS

Thanks to an effective anti-poaching programme, Welgevonden Game Reserve protects a large population of the endangered white rhino. With the introduction of Rhino educational bushwalks as a new guided activity, guests have the unique opportunity to accompany Mhondoro's experienced game rangers, tracking white rhino on foot in their natural habitat. During these walks, rangers share up to date information about the current and historical status of these ancient animals, including educational aspects relevant to the species' protection status, its physiology and behaviour.

THE RHINOS ARE COMING!

Mhondoro was a sponsor of 'The Rhinos are Coming' project and had adopted a life-size rhino sculpture which was painted by a South African artist. It formed part of an exhibition of more than hundred painted rhinos which are currently still on display around public spaces in Cape Town to further create awareness and raise funds for the anti-poaching initiative.

ROCK ART EXCURSIONS

Mhondoro has introduced a guided excursion to the two rock art sites located within Welgevonden Game Reserve. A precious historical and cultural asset, both sites contain layers of San Bushman 'fine-line' paintings, as well as later finger-painted images. The images date back hundreds of years, with the oldest paintings likely to be thousands of years old.



DOT CHALLENGE

Mhondoro was the naming sponsor of the rowing boat Mhondoro, in which Braam Malherbe – extreme adventurer, highly respected inspirational speaker and conservationist, and rowing partner Wayne Robertson, crossed the Atlantic Ocean from Cape Town to Rio de Janeiro to launch the DOT (Do One Thing) Challenge in 2017. Mhondoro is committed to making a contribution in each of DOT Challenge categories - water, waste, conservation and energy.

NO PLASTIC

Mhondoro Safari Lodge & Villa has taken the lead as one of the first luxury safari lodges to eliminate the use of plastic water bottles. The owners have invested in a water purification plant that produces drinking water fresh from the surrounding Waterberg mountains. In guest rooms, plastic water bottles have been replaced by glass bottles, while each guest receives a personalized, stainless steel water bottle that can be refilled with fresh, purified water for game drives, and to take along on their return journey home.



ORGANIC KITCHEN GARDEN

Mhondoro distinguishes itself from other safari lodges with its style and quality of fresh, home-grown and beautifully plated food, presented in an exciting, modern African style. Organic material is composted and used in the lodge's kitchen garden where up to 45% of the fresh produce used in the restaurant is organically grown. No pesticides or added fertilisers are used. Fresh from the soil, these home-grown products include herbs, vegetables, fruit and edible flowers that are harvested every morning to feature on the menu of the day.



WASTE SEPERATION & RECYCLING

All excess waste is 100% recycled and repurposed for other use, including glass, cans, paper and food.

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