



THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO
FOUNDATION

ABOUT

At The Royal Portfolio we believe passionately in investing in Africa. In keeping with our Purpose and Values, we strive to uplift local communities, promote conservation and protect the environment.

There are two aspects to this business ethos – our internal, daily operations and our external impact on the broader community. In order to guide these projects and processes, we have implemented the 3 Crowns sustainability framework.

Sustainable tourism is about ensuring a long term future for African tourism based on partnership and community benefit.

Revenue from tourism should be used to ensure sustainability of the industry to educate and to create jobs and to conserve Africa's precious wildlife and spectacular landscapes for generations to come.

While **The Royal Portfolio Foundation** focuses on specific fund raising initiatives for various property specific public benefit projects, The Royal Portfolio's 3 Crowns Framework addresses issues around each property's internal operations and how these impact our external environments.



COMMUNITY



CONSERVATION



ENVIRONMENT

OUR PROJECTS

Each of The Royal Portfolio's properties supports a number of projects relevant to their unique location and particular situation, through **The Royal Portfolio Foundation**.

ROYAL MALEWANE

- Sigagule Crèche
- Langutelani Crèche
- Sihlekisi Primary School
- Rhino Conservation (GKEPF & Dog Unit)
- Conservation Research Projects

BIRKENHEAD HOUSE

- Masibulele Crèche
- Dyer Island Conservation Trust

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS: Pack for a Purpose and Friends of Child Protection

LA RESIDENCE

- The Avela Foundation
- Wes-Eind Primary School
- Cape Leopard Trust

THE SILO HOTEL

- Lelieblom House
- SANCCOB (*South African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds*)
- Atlantic Hope



ROYAL MALEWANE

SIGAGULE CRÈCHE

Since 2009 it has been our mission to create meaningful change in the lives of the children of the Sigagule Crèche, which is situated in the nearby village, 15kms from Royal Malewane. We felt it was important to develop the space so that the children could learn and have fun in a safe, stimulating and healthy environment.

Sigagule Crèche started with only one small classroom, no running water on the property and primitive toilet facilities. They received a minimal grant from the government which provided basic day-care and meals for around 38 children.

In 2010 Royal Malewane implemented a teacher-training program for the staff at the

crèche (as well as several other rural pre-schools in the immediate area), so that the children could receive an introductory education curriculum to prepare them for further schooling. The results have been amazing and the children have benefited immensely.

Today Sigagule is a well-developed pre-school caring for around 100 children, Royal Malewane, together with the help of its generous guests, has ensured the addition of 4 classrooms, bathroom facilities, a kitchen and dining area, boreholes and two substantial vegetable gardens. We are continuously involved in making this a safe and developing educational facility for the children of Sigagule.



LANGUTELANI CRÈCHE

The Langutelani Crèche was founded in March 2014 by a lady named Brenda with only 3 children enrolled at the time. Since then the little daycare has grown to 23 children ranging in age from 6 months to 5 years old. Langutelani had only one small classroom, so most of their lessons took place outside under a tree. The crèche provides basic meals and care to the children. Since the beginning of 2018 Royal Malewane has been involved with raising funds and adding infrastructure to help uplift Langutelani towards being a fully functioning crèche. With the assistance of their wonderful guest and donors, there are now two new lovely big classrooms, environmentally friendly toilets and a jungle gym for the children.

SIHLEKISI PRIMARY SCHOOL

Royal Malewane provides educational day trips for pupils and teachers of the local Sihlekisi Primary School. This involves a Game Drive and lunch on the reserve. The Royal Malewane team wants to share their love and passion for nature and conservation with the surrounding community. We aim to expose the children to the importance of eco-tourism and inspire an environmentally sustainable future. We are proud sponsors of the annual school prize giving, where we sponsor trophies and awards to motivate and reward students in addition to upgrading the sports facilities and installing a much anticipated school soccer field in 2020.



RHINO CONSERVATION

On average a rhino is illegally slaughtered for its horn every 22 hours in South Africa. If current poaching levels continue without urgent action, all rhinos will disappear from natural habitats by 2035. South Africa is home to 80% of the world's rhino population and towards the end of the last decade demand for rhino horn exploded. Although it has absolutely no scientific medical benefits, consumers are still using it to treat a wide range of conditions, from cancer to hangovers. The current poaching crisis is attributed to the growing demand for rhino horn in Asian countries, mainly Vietnam and China.

GKEPF

Royal Malewane is a founder member of the Greater Kruger Environmental Protection Foundation (“GKEPF”) which is a unique conservation initiative. GKEPF's objective is to protect all wildlife in the central Kruger and private game reserves. GKEPF adopts a holistic approach to a problem that cannot be solved by individual reserves or lodges acting independently. They also play an active role in combating the illegal international trade in wildlife. While good work is already being done in this regard by the South African Police, Interpol and the FBI, GKEPF ensures greater resources are allocated to this effort.



ANTI-POACHING DOG UNIT

Royal Malewane's Anti-Poaching Dog Unit, also known as Tango K9, is at the forefront of curbing the detrimental effects of poaching in the Greater Kruger National Park. The remarkable capabilities of Tango K9, which consists of a team of passionate Rangers, Multi-Purpose dog's and dedicated Trailing dog's, far exceed what technology can yet deliver when it comes to the detection, apprehension, and tracking of poachers on the ground.

The dedicated Trailing dog's are experts in trailing human scent and have the ability to "back track" allowing the Ranger's to confirm suspects activities on the reserve once apprehended. The Multi-purpose dog's are perfect all-rounders who specialise in handler protection, suspect apprehension and the detection of various forms of contraband in hard-to-find places. Tango K9's counter poaching operations also include anti-poaching patrols, snare sweeps, preventative maintenance of the reserve boundaries and community education.



CONSERVATION RESEARCH PROJECTS

Royal Malewane is located within one of the largest protected areas in Southern Africa. Conserving this delicate and complex ecosystem is integral to our very existence and motivates our commitment to supporting our wildlife and our communities.

To help fund the critical conservation work being done on the ground to protect some of the planet's most endangered species, Royal Malewane has partnered with the Associate Private Nature Reserves (APNR) Ground-Hornbill Project, the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) Wild Dog Project and The EWT Birds of Prey Programme.

Partnering with such organisations and passionate individuals that are dedicated to making a difference through action and research allows us to link our passion with our responsibility to make a difference in conservation.



BIRKENHEAD HOUSE

MASIBULELE CRÈCHE

At Birkenhead House we aim to support and uplift the local community. One of our projects is The Masibulele Crèche. The crèche was opened in 1993 and in 2000 Sweetness took over as the principal. Today they look after about 80 children from infants up to 5 years old, with 6 committed teachers. They rely on the local council for support, but so much more is needed. The vision is to uplift Masibulele crèche to where they can offer growth through education.

Through the generous support of our guests we have been successful in completing numerous maintenance, renovation, and construction of crucial infrastructure for the crèche. Birkenhead House also runs a feeding scheme through the creche and established a productive vegetable garden which is used as an educational tool as well as providing fresh ingredients for the school meals. Our chef delivers additional food and plans the children's menu with the school team monthly.



DYER ISLAND CONSERVATION TRUST

Founded in 2006 by Wilfred Chivell, the Dyer Island Conservation Trust delivers unique conservation and research programmes in a fragile and critically important marine eco-system. The Dyer Island Conservation Trust strives to protect the largest surviving colonies of the endangered African Penguin whose numbers are at an all-time low; the globally important breeding and calving grounds of the Southern Right Whale; and the world's densest populations of the vulnerable Great White Shark. Through the generous support of our guests, Birkenhead House has sponsored the rehabilitation and release of over 30 penguins and aims to assist the Trust in achieving their goals of:

- Discovering and understanding the globally important marine eco-system through world-class scientific research.
- Protecting the long-term future of the species that live in the area by translating this knowledge into evidence-based conservation initiatives.
- Educating local communities, legislators and visitors – by informing and actively involving them in achieving our goals for the benefit of all.



LA RESIDENCE

WES-EIND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wes-Eind is a local Primary School just a short drive from La Residence who focus on education and the well-being of its 570 learners that range from 5 years to 13 years of age. They have 17 dedicated teachers which includes 3 cooks that make sure the children receive a plate of food every day. The aim of La Residence is to assist Wes-Eind in expanding in educational, cultural and extra mural activities that are offered to uplift these children in their growth and development. The Foundation sponsors a governing body teacher's post as well as hosts teacher training days and assists children in need with stationery and school uniform.

THE AVELA FOUNDATION

The Avela Foundation is a non-profit organisation committed to help children with burn injuries on their road to physical and psychological recovery. The foundation was inspired by a brave young girl who showed tremendous courage in the face of adversity. La Residence together with the Avela Foundation aims to support burn survivors by setting up a caring structure in the Franschhoek and surrounding area that is open to members of the community



CAPE LEOPARD TRUST

The Cape Leopard Trust is an active predator conservation working group. It uses research as a tool for conservation, finding solutions to human-wildlife conflict and inspiring interest in the environment through an interactive and dynamic environmental education programme. By promoting peaceful coexistence and the protection of landscapes, empowered by scientific research, positive community partnerships, education and advocacy, the Cape Leopard Trust aims to ensure the long-term survival of the Cape Leopard.



THE SILO HOTEL

LELIEBLOEM HOUSE

This non-profit Child & Youth Care Centre serves as a home-away-from-home for over 60 children from troubled families. These children, all between the ages of 4 and 18, have been removed by Child Protection Agencies from their primary caregivers and placed via the children's court for specialist care and intervention programmes in Leliebloom House.

Leliebloom House is an organization that has been close to the Biden's hearts for the past 40 years. The Royal Portfolio continues to support the organization as, despite the severe lack of funding, they continue to move from strength to strength. The Silo Hotel staff do bi-weekly visits to Leliebloom and interact with the children. We take along some educational material such as colouring pencils, balls, beads or music that encourage the kids to get creative and have some fun! The Silo Hotel purchases a special birthday gift for each child on their birthday and our maintenance team helps with maintaining the pool and other areas. The Silo Hotel is also involved with the funding of various projects, staff development, food and basic supplies.



SANCCOB

The South African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds (SANCCOB) is a registered NPO whose primary objective is to reverse the decline of seabird populations through the rescue, rehabilitation and release of ill, injured, abandoned and oiled seabirds – especially endangered species like the African penguin. Since its inception in 1968, SANCCOB has had 97 000 seabirds admitted, treated 54 different bird species, reared 8372 penguin chicks, and has around 1500 African penguins admitted annually.

By creating awareness amongst guests, The Silo Hotel assists SANCCOB by raising funds through various educational campaigns. All funds raised are contributed directly to the SANCCOB initiatives.



ATLANTIC HOPE

Atlantic Hope is a registered Non-Profit Organisation, and a safety house for vulnerable babies, providing temporary and immediate placement within a safe and loving environment. This incredible initiative, founded in 2010, provides basic developmental, physical and mental care for infants. Medical needs are prioritised, and babies are fed, kept warm, and given affection in a stable environment.

Since its inception, Atlantic Hope has cared for over 100 babies. Each one has gone on to a more permanent caring and supportive environment. Atlantic Hope's dedicated team includes full time carers and part-time administrative staff, supported by a local network of community members, volunteers, health specialists and social workers, working together for the best interests of the children.

The Silo Hotel is actively involved in raising awareness and funds for Atlantic Hope through educational initiatives.



ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

PACK FOR A PURPOSE

We are proud members of Pack for a Purpose, an initiative that allows travellers to make a lasting impact in the community at your travel destination. By saving just a small space in your suitcase to transport supplies for the projects we support, you'll make a priceless impact in the lives of our local children and families. Alternatively, you can contact a member of our team to find out how you can support the initiatives during your stay. Royal Malewane, The Silo Hotel, La Residence, and Birkenhead House support Pack for a Purpose.

FRIENDS OF CHILD PROTECTION

The Friends of Child Protection (FCP) organization was founded by a group of Cape Town women wanting to assist children that are victims of abuse.

FCP focuses on supporting child victims in the first few hours of trauma by giving each child a Comfort Pack which contain snacks, toiletries, activities and a soft toy. Comfort Packs are designed to soothe and comfort a child victim of sexual abuse during the time they have to wait at police stations and hospitals for questioning and a traumatic medical examination. The Comfort Packs are given directly to abused children by Doctors/Nurses, Investigating Officers or Social Workers.

Since January 2006, the FCP have packed 90 000 Comfort Packs and distributed them throughout the Western Cape. In addition to the financial assistance, The Royal Portfolio team assists in packing the comfort packs.

CONNECT

If you would like more information or would like to make a donation please speak to a member of staff or email **trpfoundation@trp.travel**

The Royal Portfolio covers all the Foundation administration costs, 100% of donations received from guests go directly towards the projects.

BANK DETAILS

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