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Final Report: **THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MICRO GRANT AGREEMENTS
IN THE BAVIAANSKLOOF LANDSCAPE INITIATIVE,
PLANNING DOMAIN.**

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Introduction

Living Lands has been appointed the primary contractor for the implementation of Micro Grant Agreements in the Baviaanskloof Landscape Initiative, Planning Domain- awarded by Table Mountain Fund and can optimistically report back on the great success of the project. The final results show the positive effects that the provision of funding of this kind can have on local communities. People have had the opportunity to empower themselves through the environmentally friendly utilization of their natural resources, which has had a large positive impact in the Baviaanskloof Landscape Initiative Planning Domain area.

The Baviaanskloof Green Fund Micro Grants is an initiative that had been established, through funding from the Table Mountain Fund, made possible by Conservation International (donor), with the main objective of helping the start up and supporting existing organisations/businesses/projects/individuals that have an environmental, conservation and socio-development ('Green') focus and create awareness and education opportunities for the importance of the environment and its need for protection within the Baviaanskloof landscape planning domain.

This has been done by the awarding of Micro Grants to the value of up to R15 000 to organisations/businesses/projects/individuals who meet at least two of the following criteria:

1. The project has a conservation, environmental management and local economic development focus;
2. The project is aligned with a Municipality's integrated development plan (IDP);
3. The project capacitates the community and raises awareness on environmental issues and opportunities.

From the Node Forum the Development Hub has been established to voluntarily help with the support of the Micro Grant Recipients and their Micro Projects. The members of these structures consist of individuals from Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency, Baviaans Municipality, Gamtoos Irrigation Board, Kouga Municipality and Development Bank of Southern Africa. The decision to approve or decline an application was made in a designated Micro Grant Application deliberation meeting, in which members of the Development Hub attend and decide together who is approved or declined.

This is one of the first projects of its kind being piloted in the Baviaanskloof Landscape and the process has been one of valuable learning, with many lessons learnt and new experience gained. It is important to learn from these lessons in order to realize a fund that is successful in its vision, not only for the present but for the possible future too.

Progressive activities

Administrative activities that have occurred over the given period include:

- The drafting up of a comprehensive and efficient Micro Grant application form.
- The development and distribution of a promotional flyer/poster (Appendix A).
- The drawing up of the Micro Grant Memorandum of Agreement for each Micro Project.
- The drafting of Micro Grant Recipient Report Forms (progress/final and budget).
- The distribution, collection and organization of Micro Grant applications, flyers and Micro Grant Memorandum of Agreement documentation.
- The first payments to the Micro Grant Recipients of 80% (as stipulated in the Micro Grant Memorandum of Agreement signed) of their total funding had been made to each project after receipt of an invoice.
- The collection and organization of Micro Grant Project Progress Reports after an allotted time period.
- The collection and organization of Micro Grant Project Final Reports at the end of the projects' reporting and implementation period.
- The second payments to the Micro Grant Recipients of 20% (as stipulated in the Micro Grant Memorandum of Agreement signed) of their total funding had been made to each project after receipt of an invoice.

Management activities that have occurred over the given period include:

- Establishment of the Node Forum and Development Hub.
 - The Node Forum comprises of members of the Baviaanskloof Liaison Forum, where local representatives from the Municipalities within the boundaries of the Baviaanskloof Landscape and a variety of stakeholders have been introduced to the project and members of the Development Hub have come from.
 - The Development Hub's main members comprise of:

• Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency	Tracey Potts
• Baviaans Tourism	Jane Zaaiman
• Table Mountain Fund	Livhuwani Sikhapha
• Kouga Municipality	Carina Strydom
• Development Bank of Southern Africa	Wendy Fisher
• Gamtoos Irrigation Board	Rienette Colesky
• Living Lands	Dieter van den Broeck
• Living Lands	Jennifer Foley

- There have been five (5) Development Hub meetings arranged and attended. The last Development Hub meeting took place on the 06 April 2011, where deliberation of the second round of Micro Grant applications took place.
- Over all nineteen (19) Micro Grant applications were submitted. From the nineteen applications submitted twelve (12) applications were approved with the decision for the other applications to be declined was made.
- Micro Grant Memorandum of Agreements was entered into with each of the approved Micro Grant Recipients.
- Assistance and support of Micro Grant Recipients took place.
- Micro Grant Project visits took over the duration of the project.
- A week long Micro Grant Projects visitation was attended together with the Micro Grant Support Coach.
- Attendance of the Micro Grant Projects Capacity Building Workshop in Humansdorp.
- Write up of TMF progress and Final Report.

Constraints that have affected project

The process of establishing the Baviaanskloof Green Fund Micro Grants has been a learning one. This is a new initiative in the Baviaanskloof Landscape and has not come without its challenges.

The process of establishing and setting up a well functioning Development Hub has been a lengthy one. This process; however, lead to the establishment of a Development Hub whose input and functionality was very beneficial and valuable. One of the challenges that were faced with regards to the Development Hub was keeping the members of the Hub connected to the project, especially once the Micro Grants were completed.

As the implementer one of the challenges experienced was the linking up of the projects to the relevant local municipalities. In most situations it was found that there was no environmental department within the municipality and most of the Micro Grant Projects which were linked with their municipality were over seen by the tourism officers.

From an implementation point of view one of the obstacles that was found to play a large role was the lack of and subsequent breakdown in the interaction channels with some Micro Grant Recipients. While communication and interaction was open, the difficulty lies in large and distributed landscape which was covered. The time constraints faced and the reality of the time needed to be able to travel to and communicate with each project was underestimated and as a result became slightly unrealistic. This has added to the hindrance of the speed at which the project was expected to be carried out in and added to the challenges in communication that were experienced.

Lessons learnt and recommendations

As mentioned before, the project has taught many lessons and beneficial experience has been gained throughout the implementation of the project.

An important lessons that can be learnt from, for the future, are how collaborations at different levels can contribute to the success of the project. Collaborations such as those between Micro Grant Projects and their local municipality; an example being that of the Baviaans Craft Shop in partnership with the Another Way Trust and the Baviaans Municipality. The Baviaans Municipality provided enabling support and mentorship throughout the project and was instrumental in providing roadside signage for the craft shop as well as helping in the organization of the grand opening of the craft shop.

Another valuable lesson that can be taken from the project is the success of Micro Grant Projects who formed collaborations with other Micro Grant Projects. The partnership between the 'Wattle It Be' and 'Clean and Clear' Micro Grant Projects is an example how both projects can benefit from the optimization in sharing of labour, use of equipment and sharing of skills, resulting in the success of both projects. Another example of such a collaboration is that between 'Spekboom Planting' and 'Litjie Katus Bestryding'. These two women worked on the same site, with one project removing invasive alien plants and the other planting Spekboom for the restoration of the degraded land. Together they shared transport, ideas and administration costs.

It can be seen that the Micro Grant Projects that were most successful were those with strong champions. These project leaders were driven, positive and willing to take the initiative to make a success of their projects despite the fact that they had limited or no experience. These champions can be characterized by their good project and business instincts, their drive to succeed and their ability to have a clear direction in which they want their projects to take.

One of the lessons that can be taken from the implementation of the project is the important and beneficial role an on the ground mentor, to get into the 'hand-holding' role for those projects that have no qualifications and no exposure in the technical elements of their projects. By having an expert on small grants management, eco-tourism and conservation from the start of the awarded Micro Grant Projects, during the implementation of the Micro Grant Projects and at the end of the Micro Grant Projects, to provide the necessary support for the Micro Grant Projects, the success and sustainability of many of the projects can be enhanced.

It should be noted that the capacity for many of the Micro Grant Recipients is a persisting challenge and that most of the Micro Grant Projects had little implementation capacity and that knowledge was lacking in the conservation, business and tourism fields. A lesson taken from this experience is that capacity building workshops should be held in the beginning of Micro grant Project implementation in order to help capacitate the Micro Grant Participants for the implementation of their projects.

In the Baviaanskloof landscape there is a lack of marketing and fundraising for projects of this nature. Most of the products produced by the Micro Grant Projects are dependant entirely on tourist flows and a need for market linkages and access to products has been discovered.

An important lesson that can be taken out of this project is that a project of this nature requires a lot of dedication, commitment, travelling and time. The project was granted an extension due to the need for more time to allow for the completion of the project.

It was experienced that during the process of implementation of the project that the time taken to manage and administer that project was above that, that was budgeted for.

It was found in the implementation of the project that the Node played more of a role as an advisory committee.

The creation of links and post project plans can play a critical role in the future sustainability of many of the Micro Grant Projects. For the tourism businesses, there needs to be mechanisms to facilitate and improve their market access. For the conservation projects, it is crucial to strengthen their link with larger programs and organization working on environmental projects for mentoring and support.

Conservation impacts

The conservation impacts of such a project are difficult to quantify as the resulting impacts are of a more qualitative nature than quantitative. Broadly, the environment was rehabilitated, alien plant species were cleared in areas of critical biodiversity, inception of better conservation practices such as recycling. The ecotourism projects ignited a micro conservation economy that will ensures benefits through conservation. People of the Baviaanskloof are having better understanding of conservation and how it can benefit them.

The increase in the awareness of the beneficial use of nature and the need for its protection and conservation has been a strong outcome for many of the Micro Grant Projects, especially the projects which have aimed to create a great awareness amongst the youth. An important factor in the overall conservation and protection of the environment.

Conclusion

Being the first project of its kind having been piloted in the Baviaanskloof Landscape, the process has indeed been one of valuable learning. The project as a whole has seen some great successes and has addressed some important and challenging issues experienced on the landscape. Issues such as the lack of job creation and employment opportunities as well as the empowerment of both men and women, especially in rural, less developed, areas.

The project has overseen the successful completion of at least eleven of the twelve Micro Grants awarded and can confidently state that there is a lot of potential for ‘green’ entrepreneurs and organisations within the Baviaanskloof Landscape Planning Domain. These projects have given rise to new champions in the area; men and women who are motivated and driven to not only help in the development of their communities but also care and nurture their environment and nature. This project was just the catalyst and with further investment in these projects, the further development and sustainability of these projects can occur.

The project has shown that, indeed, through the correct and eco-friendly utilization of nature and the people’s natural surroundings a sustainable future can be made and that through the conservation and protection of the environment all can benefit.

Micro Grant Project Reports

Project title:	Spekboom Planting
Project number:	01
Name:	Johanna Swartz
Organisation:	Individual contractor
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Reporting period:	February 2011 to May 2011
Project summary:	Johanna Swartz is contracted to lead a team that plants Spekboom to restore degraded landscapes within the Baviaanskloof Landscape. As well as restoration efforts, she hopes to create awareness in her community about the importance of nature and that it needs to be conserved, plus creating an employment opportunity and local community involvement. With the funding Johanna will purchase a computer and computer lessons, to further her skills as a contractor.
Project's conservation impacts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Through her efforts Johanna and her team are playing an important role in the restoration efforts occurring within the Baviaanskloof Landscape. - Along with restoring of degraded landscapes, the planting of Spekboom also off sets carbon dioxide emissions- combating and slowing the effects of climate change.
Project objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By getting a computer and the skills to use it effectively Johanna aims to empower herself with more skill and knowledge to become a more effective and independent contractor, so as to be able to plant more Spekboom. - She hopes to make people aware of the importance of nature and the need for it to be conserved.
Changes in objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None
Progress towards objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A laptop computer was bought. - Johanna took computer usage classes at Varsity College in Port Elizabeth. - 1 ha of Spekboom was planted on the Havens property, next to the Baviaanskloof Nature Reserve. This will result in the offsetting of +- 2.4 tons C per year per ha planted.
Constraints affecting the project and measures taken to overcome such constraints:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was found that the only creditable computer training courses were in Port Elizabeth, which is approximately two hour's drive from Cambria. The distance needed to travel and the expense at which transportation came to was a small constraint, which was

overcome by Johanna. Johanna was able to organise the use of her work vehicle for transportation, needing only to pay for the fuel used.

Lessons learnt and Recommendations:

- Apart from the training Johanna received from taking the computer course, Johanna learnt more on a personal level. Stating that a person can achieve their objectives and goals depending on who they are. That if you work hard you will achieve those goals.
- Current partners could pull together their resources for the project's continuity, as lack of long-term funding may threaten the project's sustainability.

Conclusion:

The successful outcome of this project has been as a result of the diligence and hard work done by Johanna and her team. Johanna's passion for the environment and drive to capacitate and educate her community reveals her to be a leader and champion. All of the objectives set out for the project were achieved as well as 1 ha of degraded land being restored by planting Spekboom. This project has helped to capacitate Johanna further, helping her to gain the necessary skills needed to use a computer and open up a whole new market for communication for her contracting services.

Table Mountain Fund funding Criteria:

(Boxes marked with a **X** are indicative of the criteria being met)

- The project has a conservation, environmental management and local economic development focus.
- The project is aligned with a Municipality's integrated development plan (IDP).
- The project capacitates the community and raises awareness on environmental issues and opportunities.

Acknowledgement of donors:

- Table Mountain Fund (TMF) through the donor, Conservation International for Micro Grant Agreement funding.
- Prime contractor of ECPTA, Living Lands and Wilderness Foundation.

Project title: **Upgrading and training**

Project number: **02**

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Reporting period: February 2011 to May 2011

Project summary:	In June 2009 a group of six members of the youth of Sewefontein was formed and made applications to the Trust to establish an eco-tourism project which will maximize on the potential of the farm to attract visitors. Their application was approved. Since then they have managed and started to develop the tourism products of Sewefontein. An official opening of the hiking trail and Wild Fig Tree Forest took place on 30 November 2009. The funding will go to the upgrading of the basic facilities that the Sewefontein Youth Tourism has established.
Project's conservation impacts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Eco-tourism is done in such a manner as to create awareness of the importance and sustainable utilization of the environment. The environmental awareness created by guided hiking tours and an informative information office is beneficial in educating individuals, not only visitors but the local community as well; to the sustainable ways that nature can be utilized and appreciated.
Project objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The upgrading of the tourism office will be done with the objective of creating a facility that is attractive to visitors as well as educational and informative. – By upgrading the tourism office it is an objective to create more job opportunities in the community and provide training for more guides to take visitors on the hiking trail.
Changes in objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – None
Progress towards objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Over the course of the reporting period various office supplies and furniture was purchased and delivered to the tourism office, with help from Baviaans Tourism to upgrade the office, making it into a professional space and environment to welcome visitors to. – A local artist was employed to make the office aesthetically appealing by painting murals on the office walls.
Constraints affecting the project and measures taken to overcome such constraints:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Communication – Transportation – Community dynamics – Only one person running the tourism office – Weather and the state of the road in the Baviaanskloof – A lot of these constraints were overcome by getting help from the Baviaans Municipality.
Lessons learnt and Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The potential for eco tourism to occur on the Sewefontein Community farm is high and at this stage greatly underutilized. The upgrading of the tourism office is just the beginning. – It is recommended that the members of the farm's tourism association come up with a holistic tourism plan/scheme, together with the local municipality, in order to get the most out of the special services and produces the farm has to offer. – The project requires more capacity to be built, focusing on financial and business management, to increase their business skills. – A pricing mechanism can be established for the experiences offered on the farm.
Conclusion:	The tourism office on the Sewefontein farm is now a welcoming and attractive space for tourist visiting the farm. The office has not only morphed into a space for tourist but is being

utilized by the Sewefontein community also. Bringing an awareness of nature and the environment not only to the outside visitors but to the Sewefontein community as well.

Table Mountain Fund funding Criteria:

(Boxes marked with a X are indicative of the criteria being met)

- The project has a conservation, environmental management and local economic development focus.
- The project is aligned with a Municipality's integrated development plan (IDP).
- The project capacitates the community and raises awareness on environmental issues and opportunities.

Acknowledgement of donors:

- TMF though the donor, Conservation International for Micro Grant Agreement funding.
- Baviaans Municipality is providing guide training for the members of the Sewefontein Youth Tourism, from the beginning of February 2011.
- Continued help and assistance from the Baviaans Municipality.

Project title:

Baviaans Craft Shop

Project number:

03

Name:

Veronica Maganie

Organisation:

Another Way Trust

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Baviaanskloof

Reporting period:

February 2011 to May 2011

Project summary:

The Baviaans Craft Shop has been established to create an outlet by which locally sustainably made crafts can be displayed and sold. The craft shop has been developed in such a way that it is a real life example of a 'green' building and business. By creating an indigenous garden and living roof, with a solar water pump, the craft shop itself is an example of how to utilize nature in an environmentally friendly way. This will then be incorporated into an ecosystem education display. Another aspect of the project is to develop a computer based stock control system for the products from the crafters.

Project's conservation impacts:

- The craft shop itself is an example of how to be environmentally friendly and utilize nature in such a way that it is sustainable and does not destroy it.
- Planting an indigenous garden and installing a solar water pump, not only creates an attractive exterior for grabbing the attention of visitors but it also creates an awareness of how nature can be utilized in a sustainable way to visitors as well as the locally community.
- Incorporating these features of the craft shop into an ecosystem education display will further educate visitors and the local community about the importance of the environment and conserving it.

- The crafts that are sold in the shop are locally produced and made from recycled and reused material, gathered within the local community.
- Project objectives:
- Planting an indigenous garden and a living roof will create an attractive exterior, attracting visitors to the craft shop and creating a successful enterprise.
 - By developing a computer based stock control system Veronica aims to ensure the efficient and reliable management of the shop and provide a good service to the crafters.
- Changes in objectives:
- One of the early objectives was to create an information and interpretive centre for the biodiversity. The project is currently looking at working together with ECPTA to create the interpretive centre, and therefore was removed as a focus for this project.
- Progress towards objectives:
- The solar powered water pump system has been put in place, and the living roof planted with indigenous plants.
 - A laptop and printer have been bought, and customized stock management software has been developed.
 - Additional solar power has been put in the shop.
 - The shop is fully operational, and an official launch was held with the Mayor of Baviaans, and a crowd of 50 people.
- Constraints affecting the project and measures taken to overcome such constraints:
- The slow administrative processes for the ECPTA to develop a partnership around an interpretive centre will mean that this element of the project will take time. Therefore the project has been focusing on what can be implemented independently.
- Lessons learnt and Recommendations:
- One important lesson learnt is that passionate and motivated individuals, such as Veronica, are very important in the success of such an initiative.
 - It is recommended that the crafters make a program that can organize their efforts to make signature crafts that are relevant to the market.
 - More investment could ensure multiple benefits to the community at large and the needed expansion of the craft shop due to the influx of goods.
 - The project and its crafters could benefit from English language lessons in order to be able to communicate to a broader spectrum of clientele.
- Conclusion:
- The Baviaans Craft Shop is a great success and has delivered all it has set out to achieve. It has become one of the iconic stops for visitors to the Baviaanskloof and provided an outlet for local crafters to sell their products and is strategically located opposite the already popular Vero's Restaurant, started by Veronica a few years before. The craft shop stands as an example to the visitors and residents of the Baviaanskloof of how nature can be utilized in a sustainable manner; that is not only practical, with the living roof helping keep the interior of the shop cool in summer and warm in winter, but also aesthetically attractive and appealing. The craft shop now has an effective computerized stock and sales system, helping to effectively manage the crafts in store and ensure that the crafters receive what their crafts have earned them.

Table Mountain Fund funding
Criteria:



The project has a conservation, environmental management and local economic development focus.

(Boxes marked with a X are
indicative of the criteria being
met)



The project is aligned with a Municipality's integrated development plan (IDP).



The project capacitates the community and raises awareness on environmental issues and opportunities.

Acknowledgement of donors:

- TMF though the donor, Conservation International for Micro Grant Agreement funding.
- Signage for the craft shop was provided by the Baviaans Municipality.
- Baviaans Tourism can provide supporting letters for further funding.

Project title:

Camera Hiking Trail

Project number:

04

Name:

Willem Maganie

Organisation:

Another Way Trust

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Baviaanskloof

Reporting period:

February 2011 to May 2011

Project summary:

A new venture to create two hiking trails to remote cameras in the Baviaanskloof mountains; where visitors/tourist can get the unique experience of not just a hike but also viewing the photos, taken by the remote cameras, on a laptop. A new and different kind of wilderness experience.

Project's conservation
impacts:

- The photos captured on the remote cameras can provide more information to researchers on the wildlife, and their behaviour, in the area.
- Establishing an eco-based tourism venture is a sustainable way in which to utilize the environment and create awareness of nature and the need to conserve it.

Project objectives:

- Creating a new eco based tourism product in the Baviaanskloof and to provide a business opportunity for Willem Maganie.

Changes in objectives:

- None

Progress towards objectives:

- The two trails have been cleared, and the camera's have been bought and placed on site.
- The system was tested and the batteries were not functioning as well and expected, and are being checked by the supplier.
- An additional camera was bought to bring the total up to 3, and all three are back in the mountains testing final positioning.
- Willem is improving his computer skills and ability to download the photos.

- Constraints affecting the project and measures taken to overcome such constraints:
- The indemnity forms have been designed and printed, and the uniform purchased with the project name embroidered. The purchases and training are therefore now complete.
 - A range of different trails were considered, and the slow approval process from ECPTA has meant that only two trails were available at where existing hiking rights already existed. Finding the precise location for the cameras within a general area requires time, as it requires leaving the cameras for a few weeks at a time in one spot to determine what animals use the different trails and will produce the best results. Landowner agreement was obtained for the two trails that were on private land, and ongoing testing is progressing. (At the time of reporting.)
 - It has since been learnt that the farm on which the trails have been establish has been put on the market for sale and the outcome of the continuation of the agreement between Willem and the landowner is presently uncertain.

- Lessons learnt and Recommendations:
- Projects involving sophisticated levels of technology require patients and the development of the skills needed to operate such technology.

Conclusion: At the time of reporting the project successfully achieved what it set out to, by establishing the hiking trails and purchasing and testing the camera traps and lap top computer. The project has fantastic promise and will not only provide a wilderness experience of a different kind, by viewing the captured images, but also create awareness for the wildlife in the area.

- Table Mountain Fund funding Criteria:
- The project has a conservation, environmental management and local economic development focus.
 - The project is aligned with a Municipality’s integrated development plan (IDP).
 - The project capacitates the community and raises awareness on environmental issues and opportunities.
- (Boxes marked with a X are indicative of the criteria being met)

- Acknowledgement of donors:
- TMF though the donor, Conservation International for Micro Grant Agreement funding.
 - The Baviaans Municipality, in collaboration with ECPTA, can help with the accommodation bookings on the farm for the hiking trips.

Project title: **Clean & Clear**

Project number: **05**

Name: Jeremia Juba

Organisation: Individual

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 Baviaanskloof Borders
 Humansdorp District

Reporting period:	February 2011 to May 2011
Project summary:	<p>Clean & Clear is a new venture which has been established with the intention of providing the service of a follow-up wattle clearance and wattle re-growth. Follow-up of wattle cleared by the Working for Water teams in the Langkloof region as well as new wattle clearing projects by farmers in this area.</p> <p>In order to start this venture Jeremia needs equipment such as a chainsaw and safety kit, which he can get through this funding.</p>
Project's conservation impacts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The clearing of wattle (an invasive species) and its re-growth is vital in restoration efforts within the catchment areas. By clearing wattle in the area it decreases their impact on biodiversity and helps to restore water back into the catchment. – To date the project, together with Wattle It Be (Jacob Bees), has cleared an area equivalent to that of 40 ha.
Project objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The starting of this new venture will not only remove wattle from the area and its surroundings but also create employment opportunities for the local community.
Changes in objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – None. However this project has combined and is working closely to Micro Grant Project 06, Wattle It Be, in order to be more effective. – To sustain employment of the project members, the project has branched out into manufacturing and selling different wood products, such as a wooden Christmas tree and bench; using the cleared wattle trees.
Progress towards objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The purchase of equipment was completed, with the necessary safety and wood cutting gear acquired, such as a chainsaw, helmet and safety gloves and clothes. – Fuel was purchased for use in transportation to and from the areas where the wattle was removed. – Repairs had to be made to the tractor that was being used as the vehicle of transportation, provided by TerraPi farm.
Constraints affecting the project and measures taken to overcome such constraints:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The breakdown of the tractor and the time taken for its repair was found to be a hindrance regarding transportation but it did not hinder the enthusiasm and commitment of the team. – The needed parts to repair the tractor were acquired and the tractor is currently operational once again. – Transportation is still, however, considered problematic.
Lessons learnt and Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – By combining forces and energies with the Wattle It Be project the productivity and efficiency of the project has increased and was a valuable move to make. – It is recommended that the project build on its capacity and gets more investment for continuity and more reliable transportation. – The gaining of the necessary business skills which are lacking presently will increase the potential for this initiative to expand its market. – Another recommendation is for the project to branch out and secure contracts to remove wattle on neighbouring farms.
Conclusion:	The commitment and enthusiasm of Jeremia has been a great asset to the success of the project.

This has been a great start to a worthy venture, which is an example of how restoration, through the removal of the invasive wattle species, not only can lead to the increase in catchment water supply and conservation of biodiversity but also can lead to the creation of jobs and community development.

Table Mountain Fund funding Criteria:



The project has a conservation, environmental management and local economic development focus.

(Boxes marked with a X are indicative of the criteria being met)



The project is aligned with a Municipality's integrated development plan (IDP).



The project capacitates the community and raises awareness on environmental issues and opportunities.

Acknowledgement of donors:

- TMF through the donor, Conservation International for Micro Grant Agreement funding.
- There are opportunities for this venture to be contracted by organisations, such as ECPTA, to do follow-up wattle clearing. Working together with the Stewardship programme.
- Mentorship and wattle clearing opportunities provided by TerraPi Farm.

Project title:

Wattle It Be

Project number:

o6

Name:

Jacob Bees

Organisation:

Individual

Contact details

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Address: Terrapi Charity and Farm
Baviaanskloof Borders
Humansdorp District

Reporting period:

February 2011 to May 2011

Project summary:

This is a new venture, started by Jacob, to create and sell firewood and latte from the biomass left behind after wattle has been cleared on farms in the Langkloof region.

To start up this venture Jacob requires equipment, such as axes and bags for the firewood, which he will acquire using this funding

Project's conservation impacts:

- By utilizing and clearing the biomass left behind by wattle (an invasive species) clearing, more biodiversity will be able to easily enter into the region again.
- Utilizing this biomass can also stimulate the clearance of wattle, as more wood from clearing maybe required for the sale of firewood; encouraging restoration and rehabilitation efforts.

Project objectives:

- Through the innovative use of the biomass left over from wattle clearing, Jacob will be able to be self employed and create job opportunities for the local community, while running an enterprise which is sustainable and environmentally conscience.

Changes in objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None. However this project has combined and is working closely to Micro Grant Project 05, Clean & Clear, in order to be more effective. - To sustain employment of the project members, the project has branched out into manufacturing and selling different wood products, such as fencing; using the cleared wattle tree biomass. 						
Progress towards objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The purchase of equipment was completed, with the necessary safety and wood cutting gear acquired, such as a chainsaw, helmet and safety gloves and clothes as well as the purchase of 50kg bags to sell the firewood in. - Fuel was purchased for use in transportation to and from the areas where the wattle was removed. - Repairs had to be made to the tractor that was being used as the vehicle of transportation, provided by TerraPi farm. 						
Constraints affecting the project and measures taken to overcome such constraints:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The breakdown of the tractor and the time taken for its repair was found to be a hindrance regarding transportation but it did not hinder the enthusiasm and commitment of the team. - The needed parts to repair the tractor were acquired and the tractor is currently operational once again. - Transportation is still, however, considered problematic. 						
Lessons learnt and Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By combining forces and energies with the Clean & Clear project the productivity and efficiency of the project has increased and was a significant move to make. - It is recommended that the project build on its capacity and gets more investment for continuity and more reliable transportation. - The gaining of the necessary business skills which are lacking presently will increase the potential for this initiative to expand its market. - Another recommendation is for the project to branch out and secure contracts to provide firewood to the surrounding petrol stations and guest houses as well as sell the firewood in an area which is more accessible to customers. 						
Conclusion:	<p>The project continues with the same energy with which it started, with the commitment from Jacob being all too clear. The positive responses received from those involved and aware of the project have given evidence to the achievements of the project.</p> <p>The project has allowed for the start of this environmentally conscious venture and creation of jobs to the local community through the sustainable utilization of the environmental resources that are available, such as the need to clear the alien wattle biomass.</p>						
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Acknowledgement of donors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TMF though the donor, Conservation International for Micro Grant Agreement funding. - ECPTA, Living Lands and the PRESENCE Learning Village have 						

indicated an interest to start sourcing wood from Jacob.

- Mentorship and wattle clearing opportunities provided by TerraPi Farm as well as the tractor used for transportation.

Project title:	Boskloof Trail Upgrade
Project number:	07
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Reporting period:	May 2011 to August 2011
Project summary:	<p>The invasion of the alien Black Wattle vegetation has lead to the inaccessibility to this already established nature trail. The upgrading of this nature trail, through the removal of the Wattle along the trail path, will once again open the trail up to the many visitors, tourists and school groups who are interested in experiencing the small pristine island that is in the middle of the town of Humansdorp. The upgraded nature will also provide the facility for guided nature walks; providing job opportunities to unemployed nature guides in the area.</p>
Project's conservation impacts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The removal of the invasive alien wattle species is important to the protection of the natural and indigenous biodiversity on this island paradise. – Rising awareness and educating visitors and learners about the need for the protection and conservation of the environmental is essential to the future sustainability nature conservation. – The protection of a natural/green area within an urban setting is important to offsetting of carbon dioxide and the mitigation of climate change.
Project objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The goal of this project is to educate the public about the invasion of the alien Wattle as well as provide a sustainable guiding facility for qualified tour guides and get people back into nature.
Changes in objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – None
Progress towards objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – An action plan has been drawn up for the implementation of the trail upgrade once suitable conditions allow for the work to be done.
Constraints affecting the project and measures taken to overcome such constraints:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The persistent raining weather and the flooding of the area as result thereof has caused continued delays is the implementation of the trail upgrading. – The combination of safety and practicalities involved in the removal of the wattle and the up grading of the trial in the wet conditions has added to the resultant delays in implementation.

Lessons learnt and Recommendations:

- One can never predict the weather 100% and nature will take its own course.

Conclusion:

Unfortunately, to date, the project implementer has not achieved any of the outcomes they set out as deliverables.

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The project capacitates the community and raises awareness on environmental issues and opportunities.

Acknowledgement of donors:

- TMF through the donor, Conservation International for Micro Grant Agreement funding.

Project title:

Youth Leadership Wilderness Camp theme 'Towerwater'

Project number:

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Reporting period:

May 2011 to June 2011

Project summary:

The Language of the Wilderness Foundation Trust has been conducting various youth wilderness leadership camps in the Joubertina region over a number of years. Their focus lies on leadership development in conjunction with a powerful and intense wilderness experience. The camp activities are linked to the school curriculum and the region. The topics addressed are: Natural & cultural history, water ecology, the impact of alien vegetation and fauna, but all approached in such a way that leadership qualities will be enhanced. In short through this rich wilderness experience, the young people involved will develop a better understanding of themselves and the world around them and gain essential life skills to further their careers.

Project's conservation impacts:

- The youth leadership wilderness camp exposes and opens up a new world of nature and the environment to many of the learners.
- They say that the youth is the future and what better way to promote the conservation and protection of the environment for future generations than by teaching and exposing those future leaders to the benefits of nature and the environment.

Project objectives:

- To plant seeds of environmental awareness, related cultural-natural history and socio-economic benefits among especially young people is crucial to the survival of the huge protected areas in our greater region (Baviaanskloof, Tsitsikamma) while nurturing leadership.

- To give young people a first-hand exciting experience and better understanding of their natural and cultural environment, by providing what is termed ‘the wilderness experience; a touch of what our forefathers experienced’.

Changes in objectives:

- None

Progress towards objectives:

- 4 Day Camp held 17th – 20th June 2011 for Krakeel Primary School
- 14 Grade 7/8 Learners (60/40) Girls and Boys
- 1 Teacher

Constraints affecting the project and measures taken to overcome such constraints:

- Weather (time of year) is important. Miserable weather greatly diminishes impact and experience. (can’t see stars, wet clothes, cold, slippery, swimming impractical etc) (Early spring to late summer ideal)
- A phased acclimatisation from classroom, to day trip and then camp helps to bridge fears and build confidence through knowledge and experience. Going directly to camp is not optimal.
- Poor weather conditions and heavy rains prior to camp – washed road to cottage away and strong flows made conditions dangerous for young, inexperienced, non-swimmers.
- Compromise tent camp was set up at short notice and daily excursions to Xkagodisan were made to achieve objectives.

Lessons learnt and Recommendations:

- The show goes on even under trying conditions and time frames.
- In order to ensure the replication of such a project, further funding needs to be applied for and secured.

Conclusion:

An incident free camp was held with well behaved and enthusiastic teenagers. Great interactions and much transfer of knowledge and skills were achieved.

The project has highly motive personal involved and a strong, well capacitated champion who is highly knowledgeable on the environmental issues and has a sound vision of sharing and passing on that knowledge.

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Acknowledgement of donors:

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Project title:

Green By Nature

Project number:

09

Name:

Cornelius William Graafland

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Reporting period:	May 2011 to June 2011
Project summary:	<p>The erection of the first recycling depot in the western section of the Baviaanskloof. The provision of recycling bags and bins to the local farming community to bring about a new habit of recycling in the area. The recycling depot serves as a drop off point for the collection of recyclable material and the processing of some of the recycling commodities, such as glass and metal crushing. This material will then be transported through to a recycling processing plant in one of the towns just outside of the Baviaanskloof. The project has the full support of the local community behind it.</p>
Project's conservation impacts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Minimization of waste and conserving the environment. – The project also aims to have a long term effect of changing the habits of the people and creating awareness around recycling and the benefits it can provide to the community as well as the environment.
Project objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The aim of the project is to increase awareness of pollution within the communities of the Baviaanskloof and the tourists that visit the area. – It also aims to create jobs opportunities and inspire through the creation of arts/crafts products using recycled materials as well as increase motivation to recycle.
Changes in objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – None
Progress towards objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The depot was constructed as stipulated, in a location next to the road that is accessible. – The depot building was constructed using locally sourced materials, such as stones from the river as well as recycled materials for the wind break walls. – Six people were involved in the construction phase of the depot from the local communities. – A recycling workshop was attended in Zaaimanshoek.
Constraints affecting the project and measures taken to overcome such constraints:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Many of the local people required payment before work to stimulate them to construct the depot building and a lack of internal motivation was discovered. – The weather occurrences at the time of implementation of the project was a challenge, as flooding in the area made it difficult to transport materials and erect the building in the timeframe given. – Through the help from various community members the construction of the building was able to commence and be completed. – The logistics and the remote nature of the location of the depot added to the challenges of getting the depot erected within the allotted time frame.

Lessons learnt and Recommendations:

- That a project such as this and in a remote location, such as the Baviaanskloof, takes more time to complete than was originally expected.
- Another lesson learnt is that when a project involves the construction of a building, it is more costly and time consuming.
- Cornelius now knows how to build stone gabion walls.
- It is recommended that the project receive more investment for continuity and capacity building.
- The drawing up of a business plan will be very beneficial for the future sustainability of the project.

Conclusion:

The erection of the first recycling depot in the Baviaanskloof has created an opportunity for a positive change in the area. No longer do the local farmers and communities have to dispose of their waste in the non-environmentally friendly way they did in the past, due to the lack of waste management facilities in the area. They now have a facility where they can drop off their recyclable materials, which will be ‘disposed’ of in an environmentally friendly manner and help create job opportunities for at least 4 members of the local community. The depot stands as a visible feature, creating awareness around the importance of recycling and the reduction of pollution through unnecessary waste.

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- The project has a conservation, environmental management and local economic development focus.
- The project is aligned with a Municipality’s integrated development plan (IDP).
- The project capacitates the community and raises awareness on environmental issues and opportunities.

Acknowledgement of donors:

- TMF through the donor, Conservation International for Micro Grant Agreement funding.

Project title: **Litjie Katus Bestryding**

Project number: **10**

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Reporting period: May 2011 to June 2011

Project summary: Angela has taken it upon herself to clean up the Baviaanskloof Nature Reserve and its surrounding areas by removing one of the alien cactus species, commonly known as ‘litjie katus’, from the surrounding vegetation. This is a new initiative she has started and with the purchase of safety equipment and the employment of members from her community, she aims to rid the area of as many cacti as possible and create a future means of

employment for herself and her community.

Project’s conservation impacts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Approximately 15 ha of restored land were cleared of the Litjie Katus by Angela and her team. – The removal of alien, invasive species is crucially important to the conservation of the areas indigenous plant species and the protection of biodiversity in the area. This is doubly so, as the area is considered a biodiversity hotspot, contain 7 out of the 9 plant biomes of South Africa.
Project objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Angela envisions a natural area that is clear and clean of all alien ‘litjie katus’, for both the people and the animals in the area. – As well as create an employment opportunity for at least 6 members of her community in Cambria.
Changes in objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – None
Progress towards objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Safety equipment, such as gloves and masks, were purchased for Angela and her team, so as to be able to safely remove the cacti. – For the duration of the project Angela and her team worked on removing the cacti from the 15 ha land, as mentioned before, one cactus at a time. – The removed cacti were then stored in drums and killed using petrol.
Constraints affecting the project and measures taken to overcome such constraints:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The initial constraint experienced by the project was not receiving permission from ECPTA to remove the cacti in the Nature Reserve because they did not want the use of herbicides in the area as it would not only endanger other plant species but the animals in the reserve too. – This was overcome by working together with Johanna Swartz on the Wilderness Foundation’s property, to remove the cacti there. – The matter of the use of herbicides was also addressed and it was discovered that petrol can be used to kill the alien plant species. This solution not only ended up being more cost effective but less environmentally harmful as well.
Lessons learnt and Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – One of the main lessons learnt by Angela was that petrol can be used as a substitute to herbicides. – It is recommended that further capacity building occur and a continued partnership occur between Angela and Johanna in their work to restore and create awareness of the environment. – Further funding will allow for the continuation of the cactus removal in the area and continuing employment for Angela and her cactus removal team.
Conclusion:	<p>The project was implemented smoothly and those hiccups that were experienced were over come by Angela’s own initiatives. 15 ha worth of alien Litjie Katus was removed and cleared and six people from the Cambria community were able to be employed. This was the first step in making Angela’s vision of a cactus free area a reality. “Ons geniet dit om so die natuur skoon te maak.” (We enjoy cleaning up nature.)</p>

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The project is aligned with a Municipality's integrated development plan (IDP).



The project capacitates the community and raises awareness on environmental issues and opportunities.

Acknowledgement of donors:

- TMF though the donor, Conservation International for Micro Grant Agreement funding.
- Special thanks go to the Wilderness Foundation for their support and provision of property for Angela and her team to clear.

Project title:

Permaculture Food Garden

Project number:

11

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Reporting period:

May 2011 to August 2011

Project summary:

To create a vegetable garden at the school in support of the existing feeding scheme that is in place. Being able to provide the learners from the school with fresh vegetables and create a space where learners can learn about and contribute to the planting and growing of their own vegetables.

Project's conservation impacts:

- By creating a space where learners can learn how to utilize nature and grow their own vegetables in a sustainable manner, the youth is being educated in how nature and the environment can be benefited from, if it is cared for correctly.

Project objectives:

- To be able to provide the school learners with healthy, fresh vegetables and a space where the correct utilization of the environment can be learnt.

Changes in objectives:

- The project was originally proposed to be a perma culture garden and a workshop given by Food and Trees for Africa was to occur. Due to communication difficulties the project had to alter its course somewhat and the school took it on themselves to create the garden.

Progress towards objectives:

- Signage for the garden is not development and waiting for approval for printing and erecting.
- The area where the garden is situated was cleared and the planting of a few vegetables, like cabbage, was completed.
- The fencing for the garden, to keep out the local wondering goats and donkeys, has been purchased and is soon to be erected.
- Fuel costs for the transportation for the fencing and the acquisition of the sign boards was paid with the funding.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A salary for the garden worker was also provided by the funding, along with vegetable seeds for planting and a sprinkler system for watering the garden.
Constraints affecting the project and measures taken to overcome such constraints:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Difficulties in communication and the remote nature of the location of Zaaimanshoek School did result in some challenges that were overcome with an enthused energy and the right motivation.
Lessons learnt and Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is recommended that more capacity be built around the project and a champion from the school established. - The gaining of project management skills will be highly beneficial to the sustainability of the project.
Conclusion:	<p>The vision of a vegetable garden to provide fresh vegetables to the learners of Zaaimanshoek Primere Skool is coming into focus. There is still work that needs to be done before the project can be said to be fully completed however this project has been a great catalyst in making the vision into a reality.</p>
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Acknowledgement of donors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TMF though the donor, Conservation International for Micro Grant Agreement funding. - Food scheme in partnership with the Department of Health
Project title:	Environmental Training
Project number:	12
Name:	Christo Kleinbooi and Noel Isaacs
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Reporting period:	May 2011 to August 2011
Project summary:	<p>The Baviaanskloof Nature Awareness Group (BNA) is a group of youths that want to, by using their local knowledge and passion for the environment and nature, share this knowledge and passion with their communities, especially schools, by holding educational workshops. The lack of nature awareness and environmental education is just one of the BNA's reasons for the group's formation. The group already has two train nature guides but there is a need for further nature training to the other members in the group. This project serves to provide the extra training needed to the group and various training materials which will help increase the group's skills and</p>

capacity, in order to carry out their awareness ‘campaign’.

Project’s conservation impacts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One of the best ways of ensuring the protection and continued conservation of the environment is to create awareness around it and provide people with the opportunity to learn about the benefits of nature. 						
Project objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The main goal of the BNA is to create awareness about nature and the environment. Their vision is for people to learn how to look after and care for their environment and to pay it forward by teaching others the same lessons they have learnt. 						
Changes in objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None 						
Progress towards objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One school was visited and a group of learners taken out for a nature trail walk with members of the group. - The walking trail included numerous stops where different aspects of the surrounding environment were pointed out and its importance explained. Aspects relating to mostly plant and bird life. - An environmental training course was secured for various members of the group to attend, so as to increase the groups over all knowledge and skills in providing nature awareness. - Presently the group is involved in collecting and documenting traditional knowledge from the elders from their community, ensuring that their knowledge of medicinal plants will not be lost. 						
Constraints affecting the project and measures taken to overcome such constraints:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication facilities. - The wide spread scattering of the group’s members over the Baviaanskloof landscape did make it difficult for the group to get together on a regular basis to discuss further activities together. 						
Lessons learnt and Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One of the lessons the group has truly taken out of their experience is that the earth needs to be respected and the environment looked after. - Possible linkages may be made between the BNA group and other Micro Grant Projects, such as ‘Green By Nature’, in their efforts to create nature awareness. 						
Conclusion:	<p>This newly established group of young people have a fire in their bellies to teach the future generation about the importance of protecting and conserving the environment. Though new and fairly inexperienced, the group shows drive and ambition to see their dreams become a reality.</p>						
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Project title: **Baviaanskloof Green Fund Micro Grant Projects Support Coach**

Project number: **13**

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Reporting period: August 2011

Project summary: The presence of an experienced and skilled consultant in the field will be invaluable to the overall sustainability of the Micro Grant Projects, as they will receive the support and guidance needed to help them in the further development of their individual projects.

Project's conservation impacts: By taking on the beneficial role of an on the ground mentor, to get into the 'hand-holding' role for those projects that have no qualifications and no exposure in the technical elements of their projects, by having Siphokazi mentor and coach the Micro Grants during her visit she was able to pass on some of her valuable knowledge regarding eco-tourism and conservation

Project objectives: Micro Grant Project consultation visits and the provision of feedback to the Micro Grant Recipients. Micro Grant Project consultant report.

Progress towards objectives: Over a course of a week Siphokazi visited each of the 12 Micro Grant Projects, conducting interviews and one on one personal evaluation with each of the Micro Grant Projects. From these interviews Siphokazi has compiled a report containing a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis for each Micro Grant Project together with her impressions and suggestions for the further support needed for the sustainability of the Micro Grant Projects.

Conclusion: The consultative and support visit to each of the Micro Grant Projects was highly beneficial to each of the projects as well as the write up of this final report. Siphokazi's experience and knowledge in the management of small grants and eco-tourism was very prevalent during her visits and the advice and action given and taken from her was proven of great assistance to the projects.

Acknowledgement of donors: TMF through the donor, Conservation International for Micro Grant Agreement funding.

Project title: **Baviaanskloof Green Fund Micro Grant Projects Capacity Building Workshop, Humansdorp**

Project number: **14**

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Reporting period: August 2011

Project summary: The workshop is intended to build on the collaborations already made between Micro Grant Recipients and create an opportunity for the establishment of others. Micro Grant Recipients, with projects of similar nature, will be brought together. This allows for the establishment of new contacts and helping build capacity by deepening the Micro Grant Recipients' knowledge, by sharing experiences and the knowledge gained.

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We have implemented more than 100 funder based turnaround projects (businesses that received funding, but then failed to grow) our lessons learned includes the importance of a holistic approach that addresses seven critical factors we identified must be in place for a business to survive.

Project's conservation impacts: By guiding and increasing the knowledge and skills (building capacity) of the Micro Grant Recipients, the future progression and sustainability of the Micro Grant Projects can be increased. This then leads to the further sustainable continuation of the conservation impacts establish by each Micro Grant Project.

Project objectives:

A once day workshop that transfers knowledge in the skills Micro Grant Recipients need to successfully operate their businesses.

Modules in the workshop includes:

1. Where do I want to go with the business? (strategy/concept)
2. Who are the people that will buy my product? (market analysis)
3. How much does one unit cost? (costing & projections)
4. Me the operator (systems)
5. Wisdom in money (cash flow)
6. Government incentives available to micro businesses

A follow up session per business to assist in structuring and further support.

Conclusion: The Humansdorp workshop was well attended, with each of the Micro Grant Projects from the surrounding areas attending. Participation in the workshop by each of the Micro Grant Recipients revealed an eagerness to learn and gain these valuable skills and an increase in motivation and drive to make their projects succeed further.

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Project title: Baviaanskloof Green Fund Micro Grant Projects Capacity Building Workshop, Baviaanskloof

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A follow up session per business to assist in structuring and further support.

Conclusion: The Baviaanskloof workshop was well attended, with each of the Micro Grant Projects from the surrounding areas attending. Participation in the workshop by each of the Micro Grant Recipients revealed an eagerness to learn and gain these valuable skills and an increase in motivation and drive to make their projects succeed further.

Acknowledgement of donors: TMF though the donor, Conservation International for Micro Grant Agreement funding.

Final Financial Report

Statement of Income and Expenditure				
Code	Item	Budget (R)	Actual Expenditure (R)	Variance (R)
1	Administration	R 14 500	R 22 359	R -7 859
2	Project Management	R 45 000	R 59 859	R -14 859
3	Consultant(s)			
4	Travel and Subsistence	R 10 500	R 7 788.97	R 2 711
5	Capital Expenditure			
6	Operating Expenses	R 6 000	R 2 062.67	R 3 937
7	Education/Training			
8	Printing/Publication	R 5 000	R 638	R 4 362
9	Project Promotion	R 5 000	R 750	R 4 250
10	Project Evaluation	R 4 000	R 4000	R 0
SUB-TOTAL: EXPENSES				(max 30% of total)
		R 90 000	R97 458.4	R -7 458
11	Micro Grant Agreements			
	Description:			
	Micro Grant 1 total		R 15 000	
	Micro Grant 2 total		R 15 000	
	Micro Grant 3 total		R 15 000	
	Micro Grant 4 total		R 15 000	
	Micro Grant 5 total		R 15 000	
	Micro Grant 6 total		R 15 000	
	Micro Grant 7 total		R 12 000	
	Micro Grant 8 total		R 10 000	
	Micro Grant 9 total		R 15 000	
	Micro Grant 10 total		R 15 000	
	Micro Grant 11 total		R 12 000	
	Micro Grant 12 total		R 10 000	

	Micro Grant 13 total		R 15 000	
	Micro Grant 14 total		R 12 500	
	Micro Grant 15 total		R 12 500	
SUB-TOTAL: DISBURSMENT OF MICRO GRANTS		R 210 000	R 204 000	R 6 000
TOTAL (excl VAT)		R 300 000	R 301 458.4	R -1 458

Variances explained:

- The project has a slight over spend but when compared to the budget as a whole this is not an concern.
- Due to the extra time spent on the Administration and Project Management of the project, a shift in the budget was made. The variance from Travel and Subsistence; Operating Expenses; Printing/Publication and Project Promotion were substituted into payment for Administration and Project Management.
- Two of the Micro Grant Projects, Micro Grant 7 and Micro Grant 11, did not complete their projects in the allotted time period and to the standard required to receive the final payment of 20% (R 3 000) of the Micro Grant, as per the agreement.
- It is suggested that the remaining R 6 000 from the Micro Grant Distribution be used to cover the rest of the loss from the Administration and Project Management of the project.

Micro Grant Distribution Report

Micro Grant Disbursement Report			
Micro Grant	Name of Micro Grant Recipient	Description of Project	Amount of Micro Grant (R)
1	Johanna Swartz	Spekboom Planting	R 15 000
2	Patrick Ruiters	Upgrading and Training	R 15 000
3	Veronica Maganie (Another Way Trust)	Baviaans Craft Shop	R 15 000
4	Willem Maganie (Another Way Trust)	Camera Hiking Trail	R 15 000
5	Jeremia Juba	Wattle Clearance and follow up	R 15 000
6	Jacob Julius Bees	Wattle and Biomass Clearance	R 15 000
7	Juline Prinsloo	Boskloof Trail Upgrade	R 12 000
8	Language of the Wilderness Foundation Trust	Youth Leadership Wilderness Camp theme 'Towerwater'	R 10 000
9	Cornelius Graafland	Green By Nature	R 15 000
10	Angela Windvoel	Litjie Katus Bestryding	R 15 000
11	Zaaimanshoek Primere Skool	Permaculture Food Garden	R 12 000
12	Christo Kleinbooi	Environmental Training	R 10 000
13	Siphokazi Mnyani	Micro Grant Project Consultant	R 15 000
14	Ethics and Leadership Institute	Micro Grant Project Workshop	R 12 500
15	Ethics and Leadership Institute	Micro Grant Project Workshop	R 12 500
TOTAL MICRO GRANT DISBURSEMENT (R)			R 204 000
BUDGET FOR MICRO GRANT DISBURSMENT (R)			R 210 000
VARIENCE (R)			R 6 000

Appendix A

Micro Grant Projects' List:

Number	Project Title	Recipient
01	Spekboom Planting	Johanna Swartz
02	Upgrading and Training	Patrick Ruiters (Sewefontein Youth Tourism)
03	Baviaans Craft Shop	Veronica Maganie (Another Way Trust)
04	Camera Hiking Trail	Willlem Maganie (Another Way trust)
05	Clean & Clear	Jeremia Juba
06	Wattle It Be	Jacob Julius Bees
07	Boskloof Trail Upgrade	Juline Prinsloo
08	Youth Leadership Wilderness Camp theme 'Towerwater'	Language of the Wilderness Foundation Trust/ Rodger Smith
09	Green By Nature	Cornelius Graafland
10	Litjie Katus Bestryding	Angela Windvoel
11	Permaculture Food Garden	Zaaimanshoek Primere Skool
12	Environmental Training	Christo Kleinbooi and Noel Isaacs

Appendix B

Employment Generation and Beneficiaries:

In terms of education about 90% of total number of participant of the grantees and the beneficiaries has less than a matric qualification (grade 12). The lowest education qualification is grade 4. These micro grants are intelligent in terms of beneficitation to people who are less educated and with no formal education. The age group of the beneficiaries is between 18 to 50 years. Different age groups and ethnicity benefited from the Micro Grants.

The following table provides an illustration of the beneficiaries of each project:

Micro Grant Project	Short term job creation	Number of Men	Number of Women	Age group	Race
01. Spekboom Planting	6	2	4	18-45	Coloured & black
02. Upgrading and Training	2	2	-	27-34	Coloured & black
03. Baviaans Craft Shop	15	8	7	21-41	Coloured & black
04. Camera Hiking Trail	2	2	-	39-42	Coloured & black
05. Clean & Clear	4	2	2	19-25	Coloured & black
06. Wattle It Be	4	2	2	19-27	Coloured & black
07. Boskloof Trail Upgrade	-	-	-	-	-
08. Youth Leadership Wilderness Camp theme 'Towerwater'	3	2	1	37-47	White & black
09. Green By Nature	6	6	-	20-30	White & coloured
10. Litjie Katus Bestryding	6	3	3	18-45	Coloured & black
11. Permaculture Food Garden	2	2	-	38-45	Coloured & black
12. Environmental Training	10	7	3	21-29	Coloured & black
Total	60	38	22		

Appendix C

Promotional Flyer/Poster:

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BAVIAANSKLOOF GREEN FUND MICRO GRANTS

The Baviaanskloof Green Fund is awarding Micro Grants up to the value of R15 000 (excl. VAT).

The Micro Grants are awarded to organisations and informal organisations/groups in the Baviaanskloof Landscape who **comply with at least 2 of the following criteria:**

- ◆ The project has a conservation, environmental management and local economic development focus;
- ◆ The project is aligned with a Municipality's integrated development plan (IDP);
- ◆ The project capacitates the community and raises awareness on environmental issues and opportunities.

The **Micro Grant funding** may be used to better the efforts of a project (which meets at least 2 of the criteria), in the form of: upgrading facilities, training, advertising, purchasing necessary equipment etc...



A **Micro Grant Agreement** will be signed and entered into once an application has successfully gone through and the decision to award the Micro Grant has been made.

The **Baviaanskloof Green Fund Nodes** are the areas within the Baviaanskloof Landscape boundaries which qualify to apply for the Micro Grants. These include:

- Baviaanskloof
- Kouga
- Langkloof
- Humansdorp & Jeffreys Bay

Grant Application forms need to be filled in and submitted for consideration before any funding may be granted.



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Publications and news:

- Featured on the Earthcollective website:

Link: <http://www.earthcollective.net/baviaanskloof-green-fund-micro-grant%E2%80%99s-update/>


- Extracts from features in two of the Earthcollective’s Seasonal Supplements:

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FROM THE SOUTH

<p>PRESENCE IN THE BAVIAANSKLOOF</p>  <p>A New Year, A New Plan With a new year already well underway, new plans and new challenges are afoot. 2011 marks the final (funding) year of the Water for Food & Ecosystems (WFE) programme in the Baviaanskloof Mega Reserve. With that comes the need for a finalisation work plan. This year, WFE will encompass much of what the previous two years work has entailed, consisting of activities such as: restoration, implementation of measures,</p>	<p>WILDLIFE RESEARCH</p>  <p>Rufford supports BNR Wildlife The Rufford Small Grants Foundation has awarded funding to a new Living Lands initiative. The collaborative project aims to carry out wildlife habitat assessment in the World Heritage Listed Baviaanskloof Nature Reserve. After a consultation process with Reserve management board (i.e. Eastern Cape Parks & Tourism Agency), project coordinator Silvia Weel has defined a</p>	<p>TABLE MOUNTAIN FUND</p>  <p>Green Micro Grants Update The first round of the TMF-supported Baviaanskloof Green Fund Micro Grants application deliberations took place in January. Six applications were approved for funding and are currently being rolled-out. We would like to warmly congratulate the following list of first round grant recipients: 1. Spekboom Planting: Johanna Swartz 2. Sewefontein Tourism:</p>
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engagement and project coordination. However, this year's focus will take a step further toward implementation of PES (Payments for Ecosystem Services) in the western Baviaanskloof. It looks to be an eventful year for WFE and we believe that the project will be able to accomplish all it has set out to achieve.

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management requests. With ECPTA support, the plan is to collect and analyse data on black rhino, cape mountain zebra and buffalo. ...

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3. Baviaans Craft Shop:

Veronica Maganie

4. Camera Hiking Trail:

Willem Maganie

5. Clean and Clear (Wattle):

Jeremia Juba

6. "Wattle it Be":

Jacob Julius Bees

The deadline for the second round of application submissions is 31st March 2011.



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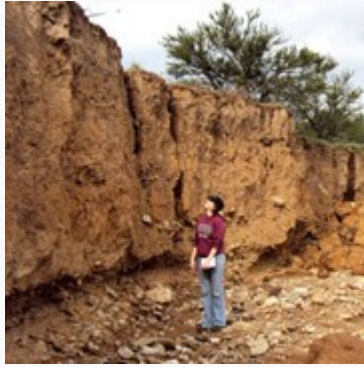
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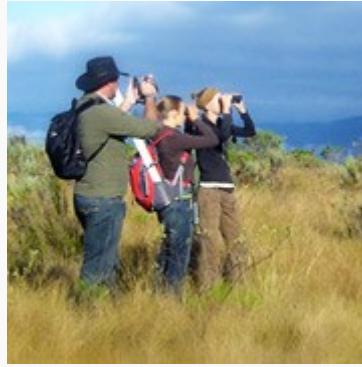
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Round Two for Restoration Fans

With the first alluvial fan restoration measures now well underway, it is now 'game on' for second round of restoration-implementation measures. This time sights are set on new challenges and different locations along the river within the Baviaanskloof catchment. On the 24 May 2011 a bakkie load of PRESENCE students and Living Lands staff set off for the western section of the Baviaanskloof to begin surveying new alluvial fan sites...

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Field work gets its stripes

Field work for the wildlife habitat assessment project in the Baviaanskloof Nature Reserve supported by the Rufford Small Grants is now underway! During April, Living Lands staff Silvia and Joana Weel, Btec student Coco Teheux and ecologist Brian Reeves (from the Eastern Cape Parks & Tourism Agency (ECPTA)) went to the Bergplaas area and finally had the privilege to encounter a group of endangered Cape Mountain Zebras...

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Green Micro Grants – New Recipients

The final six Baviaanskloof Green Fund Micro Grants have been approved from the second round of application submissions. This brings the total number of Micro Grant Projects on the Baviaanskloof Landscape to twelve. Twelve projects that have been given the opportunity to create an awareness of the importance of nature and the environment as well as making a difference in not only the Micro Grant Recipients' lives but the lives of the members of their communities as well. As Micro Grant Recipient, Johanna Swartz puts it, "It's nice to know that I am helping the environment..."

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Appendix D

Micro Grant Project Pictures:

*Please refer to the attached report for Micro Grant o8: Youth Leadership Wilderness Camp theme 'Towerwater' pictures.

Micro Grant 01: Spekboom Planting

Figure 1: Johanna and her 1 ha of planted Spekboom.



Figure 2: Johanna's planting team



Figure 5: Johanna and her computer



Figure 4: Johanna and her beloved Spekboom



Figure 3: Jennifer Foley, Johanna Swartz and Siphon Mnyani



Micro Grant 02: Upgrading and Training

Figure 6: Patrick Ruiters



Figure 8: An office desk and chair to work from



Figure 7: First comes the sketch, and then comes the Kudu



Figure 9: The newly refurbish Sewefontein Tourism Office

Micro Grant 03: Baviaans Craft Shop



Figure 10: Solar powered water pump



Figure 13: The Baviaans Craft Shop



Figure 11: The living roof



Figure 12: Veronica working at the computer



Micro Grant 04: Camera Hiking Trail



Figure 15: Willem Maganie



Figure 14: Willem and the camera trail hiking gear and cameras

Micro Grant o5 and o6: Clean & Clear and Wattle It Be



Figure 17: Jeremia Juba and his wattle clearing gear



Figure 16: Jacob Bees and his wattle removal gear



Figure 18: the combined forces of Clean & Clear and Wattle It Be



Figure 19: the beginnings of a new venture



Micro Grant 07: Boskloof Trail Upgrade



Figure 21: Juline Prinsloo

Figure 20: the old sign for the Boskloof trail



Figure 23: the trail starts here



Figure 22: water flowing in the path of the trail



Micro Grant 09: Green By Nature



Figure 27: the first Baviaanskloof recycling depot

Figure 26: Cornelius Graafland



Figure 24: from the other side



Figure 28: from the inside

Figure 25: gabion wall



Micro Grant 10: Litjie Katus Bestrydering



Figure 29: part of the 15 ha cleared



Figure 30: Angela Windvoel



Figure 31: dying Litjie Katus



Figure 32: from a distance

Micro Grant 11: Perma Culture Food Garden



Figure 34: space to plant a brighter future



Figure 33: making plans with Masha and the rest of her team



Micro Grant 12: Environmental Training



Figure 35: members of the BNA Group



Figure 36: smiling for the future



Figure 37: teaching the future generation

Micro Grant 13: Baviaanskloof Green Fund Micro Grant Projects Support Coach



Figure 38: Siphokazi and Angela



Figure 39: careful listening



Figure 41: here to help



Figure 40: Siphokazi Mnyani

Micro Grant 14 & 15: Baviaanskloof Green Fund Micro Grant Projects Capacity Building Workshop, Humansdorp and Baviaanskloof

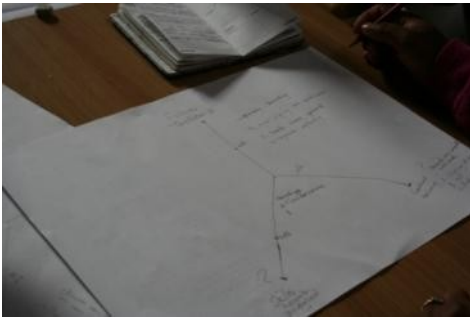


Figure 43: mapping the future

Figure 42: Leon and Elsabe Diederichs



Figure 44: it starts with listening

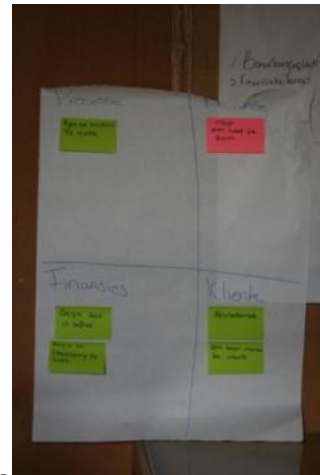


Figure 45: workshop exercises

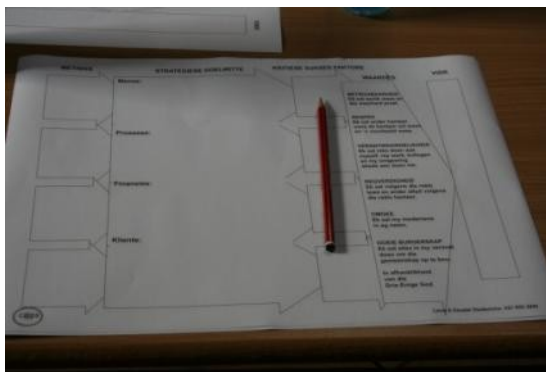


Figure 47: actively participating



Figure 46: learning new skills

