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2026 ANNUAL REPORT

FOUNDERS MESSAGE

Thank you to our team, our supporters and our donors

When I sit down to write a Founder's Note, I always try to look at the year from what moved me most, inspired me, and reminded me why we do what we do. Equally, it is important to look at what challenged me, saddened me, or made me question whether we are doing enough.

Recently, I spent time in Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique. A place that was once decimated and all but destroyed by a brutal civil war, and which, after more than two decades of extraordinary hardship, perseverance and restoration, is now once again thriving. Of course, the beauty of Gorongosa is astounding. The diversity of its habitats, the wildlife, the birds, the sheer abundance of life - it is difficult not to be moved by it. But that was not what touched me most. It was the people. And, more specifically, their humility. The people who are deeply involved in Gorongosa's restoration share something that is difficult to put into words. They have come so far with so little, and yet the way they conduct themselves each day is genuinely humbling. They are grateful for their jobs, grateful for the animals, grateful for the land, and grateful simply for the opportunity to wake up each morning and make a difference. I was reminded of this while speaking with the head of veterinary services. During an interview, she became emotional - not because of her own journey, but because of the accumulated pain and suffering of every pangolin she has cared for, and those she simply could not save. That stayed with me. Because at its heart, conservation is about empathy.

Empathy is often described as the ability to understand, be aware of, and be sensitive to the feelings and experiences of another person or being. Yet I sometimes wonder whether, in our modern world, empathy is increasingly portrayed as a weakness. Something that makes us vulnerable. I believe the opposite. I believe empathy is a superpower. But only when we do something with it. To feel deeply is one thing. To channel those feelings into meaningful action - to turn empathy into projects, partnerships, solutions and measurable outcomes is something else entirely. And that is what we continue to strive towards at Conserv Earth every day.

"I think we all have empathy. We may not have enough courage to display it.

– Maya Angelou"

With this in mind, the 2025/2026 year has been one of considered and careful focus. There are so many causes we care deeply about, and so many projects where our hearts want us to do more. But we have also learned that conservation requires discipline. It requires knowing when to act, when to listen, and sometimes when not to overreach.

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Project Pangolin has naturally remained a major focus for us, but as this project has moved into a different, less hands-on phase, it has also given us the opportunity to step back and look carefully across everything we support. To ask where our attention is most needed, where our resources can make the greatest difference, and where we can genuinely add value. The theme for this year, therefore, has been simple: be deeply empathetic, but be considered in how we respond. We cannot do everything. We should not pretend that we can. Our responsibility is to make sure that what we do, we do properly, sustainably and with purpose. I was reminded of this again recently when reflecting on one of our seemingly less glamorous projects: the pangolin buffer fence around the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve. A fence is not particularly sexy. It is not a beautiful animal in immediate need. It is not the kind of conservation story that naturally finds its way onto a billboard or inspires millions of people to donate. But that fence has helped prevent countless pangolins and other animals from meeting a gruesome death by electrocution. More importantly, it gives future generations of these animals a better chance of surviving, breeding and allowing their populations to grow. And I think that is something worth being incredibly proud of. Because conservation is not always about the dramatic rescue, the spectacular photograph or the headline. Sometimes it is a fence. Sometimes it is a ranger trained, a community supported, a habitat restored, a veterinary intervention made, or a small decision or connection that quietly changes the trajectory of a species. These things may not always be exciting. But they matter.

And perhaps that is what this year has reminded me most: that conservation is built in the quiet spaces. Through people who care deeply, partnerships built on trust, and a willingness to keep showing up. At Conserv Earth, we remain incredibly grateful to everyone who continues to walk this journey with us. Our donors, partners, project leaders, field teams, supporters and friends. We may be a small organisation, but together we can make meaningful differences. Our role is simply to **Facilitate. Connect. Restore.** And, above all, to keep caring enough to do something about it. Thank you for being part of the journey.

Chris Renshaw

Co Founder, Conserv Earth



ABOUT CONSERV EARTH

"The Earth is what we all have in common."

- Wendell Berry

Conserv Earth is a Non-Profit Organisation that forms a part of the Conserv Group. Due to the stress on our earth and the undeniable need to conserve the natural spaces we have left, Conserv Earth was founded to identify, support and establish projects that directly impact long term sustainable solutions for people and wildlife to exist on one planet. We believe that through collaborative efforts with the government, private sector, communities, individuals and other non-profit organisations we can make a tangible difference.



Vision and Mission

For people and wildlife to co-exist with harmony and resilience on one earth.

To restore our natural earth by facilitating sustainable solutions for people and wildlife to co-exist and by connecting people, protected areas, non-profits, the private and public sector, and individuals to make a greater impact together.

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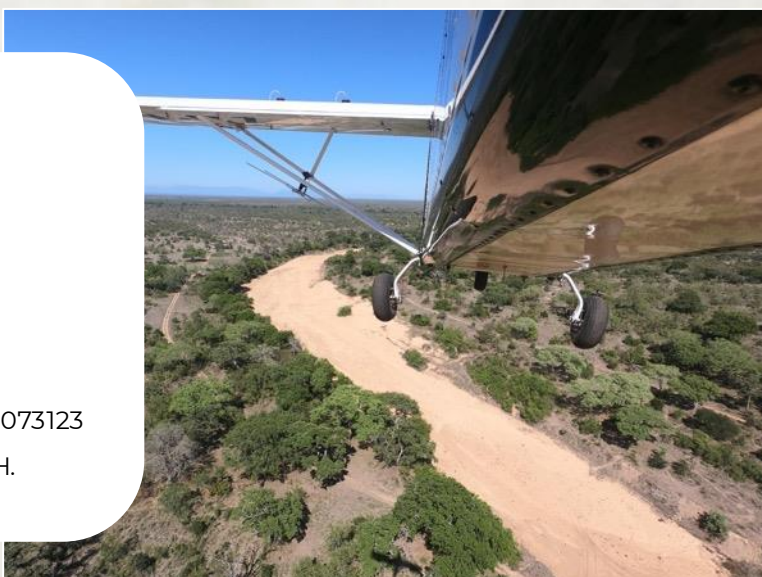
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CORE VALUES

“Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference.”
- Jane Goodall



STEWARDSHIP: We will ensure the careful and responsible management of all projects we are involved in, as well as the management of Conserv Earth itself.



INTEGRITY: We are accountable to our donors and to the people and organisations that we support. It is important that we are trusted and that everyone is aware of our capabilities.



COLLABORATION: We believe that our greatest impact will come from working with other organisations and people.



TRANSPARENCY: We will be honest and communicate openly with our donors, our partners and the people and organisations that we support.



VALUE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY: We support the belief that all living organisms have an equal right to exist.



RESPONSIBILITY: We have a responsibility to care for our earth



OPTIMISM: It is important to us that we maintain a positive attitude in our work. That we look forward with new goals and new ways to make a difference



PROFESSIONALISM: We will implement all our operations with a duty of care, by listening to people's needs and by cultivating good relationships.

TEAM UPDATE

"In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we are taught."
- Baba Dioum



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STRUCTURE AND MODEL OF CONSERV EARTH

“Conservation means development as much as it does protection.”
- Theodore Roosevelt

STRUCTURE OF SUPPORT

Outside



Supportive Communities

- Human populations safe and secure.
- Secure livelihoods.
- Conservation and protected areas seen as essential for the local economy.
- The protection and management of natural resources.



Inside

Protected Area Natural Asset

- Effective management.
- Skilled rangers.
- Fully equipped.
- Good working relationship with the surrounding communities.
- Monitoring.

MODEL



Facilitate

- Facilitate Natural processes.
- Create sustainable living opportunities.
- Improve the livelihoods of people living outside protected areas.
- Make communities custodians of their own land.
- Improve and sustain protected areas.



Connect

- Facilitate the connection of non-profit organisations, communities, protected areas, individuals and the private sector.
- Collaborate with educational and training facilities for skills development.
- Connect the private wealth sector with sustainable projects.
- Connect land for biodiversity through corridors and buffer zones.
- Collaborate with other non-profits to provide key resources to protected areas.



Restore

- Re-wild and rehabilitate land where biodiversity has been lost.
- Maintain and restore existing protected areas.

OUR IMPACT

232

Students
through
Mkuze Camp



50 cameras for
pangolin fence
study



24 hours of flying time
donated to the SAWC
aerial unit

1534

Livestock
treated at
Khumba Ncila



R8,7million
raised since
inception and
R6,7 Million
distributed



R1,69 million
distributed FY'26

2366

Dogs/Cats treated
and sterilized at
Khumba Ncila



Smart Sanitation
installation
with KwikGroup
and Savanna
around SSNR



R2,18million
raised in FY'26



Gate motor and vet
fees covered for
Dogtown. Cattery
upgrade at
Woodrock



Monthly
donation to
SAWC Canine
Unit

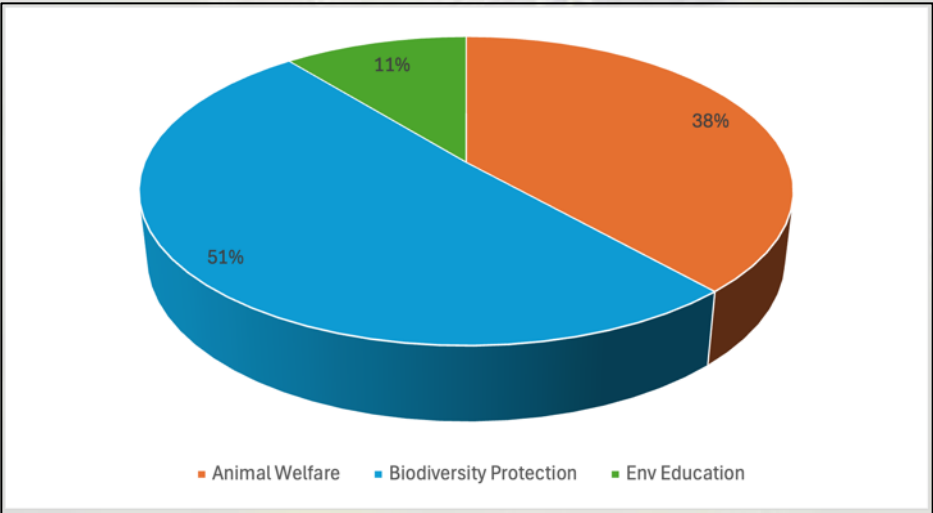


R140k for pangolin
educational video
for judiciary and
magistrates

OUR IMPACT

During FY2026, Conserv Earth continued to direct funding towards three of its core areas of support: Animal Welfare, Biodiversity Protection, and Environmental Education. Our funding remained focused on projects where financial support can make a tangible and lasting difference. **Animal Welfare:** A total of R658,000 was allocated to Animal Welfare initiatives during the financial year. A significant portion of this funding was facilitated through KwikGroup (Pty) Ltd., whose contribution via Conserv Earth supported a number of animal shelters and non-profit organisations aligned with our mandate. The remaining allocation supported Khumba Ncila in the Lowveld. **Biodiversity Protection:** R854,127.36 was allocated to Biodiversity Protection, making this the largest area of expenditure during FY2026. Project Pangolin remained our primary focus, with the majority of funding directed towards the purchase of camera traps for the ongoing pangolin fenceline study. Funding also supported the production of an educational documentary focused on pangolin prosecution developed as an educational resource for magistrates and members of the South African judiciary. The balance of this allocation supported Wild Tomorrow Fund and their efforts to raise funding and provide support for ranger teams across reserves in KwaZulu-Natal, as well as the continued support to the SAWC K9 and Aerial units around the Greater Kruger region. **Environmental Education:** A total of R185,900, representing approximately 7% of our annual funding allocation, was directed towards Environmental Education. This funding was shared between the Mkhuze Environmental Centre and Soul Provider Trust, supporting initiatives aimed at increasing environmental awareness and strengthening education within local communities.

These allocations reflect Conserv Earth’s continued commitment to directing funds where they are most needed, while maintaining a balance between immediate support and longer-term conservation impact.



Section of Support	Distributions
Animal Welfare	R 658, 000.00
Biodiversity Protection	R 854,127.36
Env. Education	R 185,900.00
Grand Total	R 1,698,027.36

PROJECT PANGOLIN PHASE 2

With the pangolin protection fence around the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve completed, the next phase of the project is now being implemented.

Project 1: Monitoring the interactions and mortalities of vertebrates along electrified fences in the Waterberg, SSNR and Kalahari.

In conjunction with Prof. Ray Jansen and the University of Tshwane, we are funding the study of electric fences around South Africa, using camera traps at specific sites across three different biomes. This is to ascertain all vertebrate interactions on these fences and to effect policy change on electric fence designs for wildlife reserves and farmland. To undertake this extensive study, real-time observations of the interactions of vertebrates (mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians) will be recorded with trail cameras. Each test site will be a length of 3 km and within these sites 10 trail cams will be established 100 m apart. Lapalala Game Reserve will have four such sites (40 trail cams), Sabi Sands Nature Reserve will have one site (10 trail cams) and a Kalahari Reserve one site (10 trail cams). That is a total of six sites with 60 trail cams. Ten trail cams have already been purchased and an additional 50 are required for the project to be initiated (now purchased).

Goals and Objectives: Over a minimum 12-month period, the study will use 60 trail cameras across six 3 km sections to monitor and compare vertebrate interactions and mortalities across four different electric fence designs in the Waterberg, Sabi Sand and Kalahari. The aim is to identify a more biodiversity-friendly design that minimises harm to non-target species while continuing to safely contain dangerous wildlife. The findings will provide an evidence-based alternative to current fencing regulations and will be presented to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, with the potential to influence future policy and create more wildlife-sensitive fencing practices across South Africa.

Cost funded: The additional 50 cameras were R311 835.13.



PROJECT PANGOLIN PHASE 2

Project 2: A Film Asset for Education with regards to pangolin and wildlife crime for legal teams around South Africa.

Conserv Earth, in partnership with ImpactWild, is funding the production of a short film to be used as an educational resource for legal professionals across South Africa. Developed through extensive research, the film aims to support ongoing efforts within the legal system by offering a clear and concise overview of key legal considerations in wildlife crime cases - particularly those involving pangolins. By serving as a practical tool, the film seeks to enhance existing knowledge and contribute to informed, effective decision-making in the prosecution and sentencing of wildlife-related offences.

Overall Goals, Objectives and Purpose of the Film

- Summarise the most relevant legal frameworks protecting the South African pangolin from extinction.
- Share key legal approaches leading to the effective prosecution of cases involving pangolins.
- Provide a resource that can be used by key stakeholders to instigate future capacity-building activities for pangolin cases.
- Facilitate discussion and the development of best practice within the South African court system by providing relevant stakeholders with key information related to the legal protection of pangolins.
- Provide a tool for educational activities in making informed decisions in court based on a thorough understanding of the frameworks at their disposal and historical precedents related to past pangolin-related cases.

This film has the potential to have a real and long-term impact across South Africa in terms of the sentencing imposed of wildlife crimes relating to pangolins. We are thrilled to be a part of this, and we believe in the importance of working in the right spheres of influence to make a tangible impact. It will be released by September 2026 and will then be distributed to all relevant legal and educational platforms.

Cost funded: R140 000 for the film research, production and distribution.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILDLIFE COLLEGE K9 UNIT

The SAWC K9 Unit remains a vital part of the organisation's anti-poaching strategy, providing specialist tracking, detection and rapid-response capabilities while also training handlers and working dogs for conservation partners across Southern Africa. Conserv Earth is proud to provide ongoing monthly support to the Unit, whose results demonstrate the value and impact of this partnership.

Between March 2025 and February 2026, the Unit undertook 11 operational deployments, achieving successful outcomes on 8 occasions, supporting 3 arrests and helping to remove 2 illegal weapons from circulation.

The Unit also invested heavily in building long-term capacity, delivering 1,476 hours of K9 training, training 35 handlers and preparing 27 dogs for deployment to reserves across Southern Africa. Training included hundreds of tracking and detection exercises, as well as 13 helicopter-integrated training operations, ensuring both dogs and handlers are prepared for real-world conservation challenges.

Animal welfare and innovation remained an important focus. New outdoor kennels and dedicated whelping facilities were constructed, improving the care and development of breeding dogs and puppies. In February 2026, the Unit also welcomed two rescue puppies from the Phalaborwa SPCA into its working-dog programme, exploring how suitable rescue dogs could potentially play a meaningful role in conservation.

The K9 Unit demonstrates that effective conservation is built not only on technology and operational capability, but on skilled people, highly trained animals and a deep commitment to their welfare.



SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILDLIFE COLLEGE AERIAL UNIT

The Airwing Unit continued to play a critical role in extending the reach, speed and effectiveness of conservation operations across the Greater Kruger and neighbouring reserves.

During the reporting period, the Airwing completed 667 flight hours, including 101 hours supporting anti-poaching operations, 486 hours dedicated to conservation and research, and 63 hours focused on student and pilot training.

Operationally, the team responded to 30 anti-poaching call-outs, with 29 successful outcomes, located 12 rhino carcasses, assisted with 3 injured rhinos, and rescued 2 orphaned calves for rehabilitation. Perhaps most significantly, 508 rhinos were safely dehorned in partnership with reserves and SANParks, including an exceptional month in May when more than 100 rhinos were dehorned.

The Airwing also continued to build long-term conservation capacity, training 30 ground-to-air students and 8 pilots, with 2 pilot licences issued. Trainees came from 9 different countries, demonstrating the growing regional and international value of conservation aviation training.

In essence, the Airwing is doing more than responding to threats — it is strengthening the skills, partnerships and capacity needed to protect wildlife for the future.



SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILDLIFE COLLEGE RANGER TRAINING

For the last year, Conserv Earth has followed the journeys of the Rangers we supported and assisted and are delighted with the progress they have made. Ntiyiso Ngobeni is happily employed as a tracker in Makamu Game Reserve in the Klaserie Nature Reserve and is thriving! Kurisani Mhlongo's journey at Tanda Tula continues, and the GM Dale Jackson gave this recent update: "Kurisani has really integrated well into the team and has formed a wonderful relationship with Tristan as his guide. They are getting numerous requests and are a real asset to our team. He recently did another tracking evaluation to gain his next tracker level. We are planning another session of training to do soft skills development with Kurisani and the whole tracking team. Once Kurisani is at sufficient level, he will be able to train local trackers himself, which will be a wonderful goal to attain.

We will continue to follow their journeys as they inspire young men to follow their footsteps.



KHUMBA NCILA/SAVANNA COMMUNITY TRUST

Khumba Ncila continues to grow from strength to strength and has become an essential pillar of support within the community. The impact of the project between March 2025 and February 2026 is reflected in the following statistics: **Cats and Dogs** – 135 sterilisations, 994 vaccinations, 449 ectoparasite treatments, 788 treatments, and only 15 euthanised animals. **Livestock** – 697 deworming/vaccinations and 837 treatments. Although our cattle cases have gone down, this is actually a very positive sign and shows that farmers are seeing fewer injuries and illnesses in their herds. Livestock deworming and vaccinations have increased significantly, which is a huge improvement for 2025 and a big step forward in preventative care. The statistics above reflect patient consultations, but do not include the many dogs and puppies we rescued or the puppies we hand-raised this year. We are also very excited to be welcoming two new specialist vets at the end of March 2026. Their skills will allow us to carry out far more operations at our own clinic, reducing travel costs, and most importantly, help animals receive treatment sooner.

For 2026/2027, we are hoping to build staff accommodation on site. Which will help us run much more smoothly and strengthen the long-term sustainability of Khumba Ncila.

Conserv Earth continues to donate monthly, with added donations such as a Generator from Chamberlain and Cement from Kwikbuild Cement. For 2026/2027, we plan on assisting with the new staff accommodation.



UMKHUZE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMP

Umkhuze Environmental Camp continues to thrive under the care of Simon Nxumalo. His words describe the year's achievements best:

"It is a pleasure to report on our environmental awareness progress during the last financial year. The impact of this work will be recognised for many years to come, when these youngsters have grown into responsible citizens. They now understand that natural resources are not renewable; once they are gone, they are gone forever. They also understand that the Earth we live on is not growing, and that we need to take care of it in order for it to look after us. We managed to host 232 participants at our Environmental Education Centre. This included 12 educators accompanying learners, 28 educators participating in an environmental education workshop, 55 Rhino Art Competition learner winners, and 138 young environmental group members from five environmental clubs. I am happy to inform you that these young environmental group members are becoming valuable assets to the environment and conservation sector. Conservation organisations have realised that this area has young people who are valuable assets to employ. Last year, we produced 21 members who received tour guiding training, and most of them are now employed in different conservation organisations. This year, another group of 24 members will start their birding tour training in April. They all did well in their interviews for these tour guiding courses. Guys, your contribution is highly valuable to the beneficiaries. Kindly keep up the good work and well done for giving others the opportunity to follow us. Thank you very much for everything. May our Creator extend your days according to your wishes. Kind regards – Simon."



WILD TOMORROW FUND

Conserv Earth remains committed to responding to urgent conservation needs and providing support where emergency operations or time-sensitive funding requirements arise across our mandate. During the 2025/2026 financial year, we once again partnered with Wild Tomorrow Fund in support of their initiative to provide essential equipment, tools, uniforms and boots to anti-poaching teams operating across underfunded reserves in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Conserv Earth was proud to contribute R15,000 towards the initiative and to play a part in what became Wild Tomorrow Fund's most successful fundraising campaign to date. The campaign ultimately raised sufficient funds to fulfil the organisation's equipment wish list, ensuring that rangers across the supported reserves had access to the essential resources required to carry out their work safely and effectively. Our contribution formed part of a broader initiative supporting more than **315 rangers across 13 reserves in KwaZulu-Natal**, with funds helping to provide boots, uniforms, tools and other critical field equipment.

These rangers stand on the frontline of conservation every day, often working in challenging conditions with limited resources. Supporting them is a practical and meaningful way to strengthen the protection of wildlife and habitats across the region. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with Wild Tomorrow Fund and further developing this relationship. Our organisations share a strong alignment in both ethos and mandate, and we believe that by working together, we can continue to create meaningful and lasting impact for conservation and the people who make it possible.



ANIMAL WELFARE PROJECTS

Dogtown SA

Conserv Earth has built a strong and meaningful relationship with Dogtown, an organisation whose ethos and commitment to the welfare of abandoned and neglected dogs closely align with our own values. We provide ongoing monthly support, as well as contributing to specific projects where our assistance can make a tangible difference. Over the past few years, one of our most significant contributions has been the installation of grass throughout Dogtown's dog enclosures. What began as a practical intervention has had a remarkable impact, with the grass now thriving and providing the dogs with softer, cooler and more stimulating spaces in which to live and play.

This year, Conserv Earth also assisted with the replacement of a gate motor and contributed towards veterinary costs, helping Dogtown continue to provide essential care to the animals in its protection. The impact of the grass has extended far beyond its physical benefits. As Tracy McQuarrie of Dogtown explains, the softer ground helps protect paws and joints, reduces heat stress and encourages play and exploration, while also helping to reduce anxiety and improve sleep. Most importantly, the dogs' mood and energy can change almost immediately when they experience these spaces.



ANIMAL WELFARE PROJECTS

Woodrock

Conserv Earth is proud to support Woodrock Animal Rescue and the vital work they do to provide care, protection and a second chance to animals in need.

Our ongoing monthly support has contributed directly to the organisation's ability to continue its work, while a dedicated contribution towards the Woodrock cattery helped them reach their fundraising goal and complete this important project.

As Nicholas and Stella so beautifully expressed, the support has been “life-changing” — not only for the organisation, but for the many furry, feathered and four-legged lives that depend on it.

We are grateful to be able to play a small part in creating safer, more compassionate futures for animals in need.



WATERBERG LANDSCAPE ALLIANCE

Although Conserv Earth has not directly funded the Waterberg Landscape Alliance during the 2025/2026 financial year, our relationship with the WLA remains strong. We continue to participate in key meetings, engage with the team and remain closely connected with the board. The security cameras that Conserv Earth helped fund in previous years continue to do their job well, providing an important layer of protection within the landscape. We will continue to watch closely, looking for opportunities where our support and the resources we have available can make a meaningful difference in the years ahead.

The Waterberg Biosphere remains a critical landscape for the long-term conservation of South Africa’s biodiversity. It is a place of enormous ecological importance, and for this reason, we remain committed to supporting the WLA and standing alongside them when the right opportunity arises. At the heart of the Waterberg’s success is the Greater Security Network — a collaborative, district-wide security system bringing together private landowners, community reserves, NGOs and state authorities. Covering more than 4.5 million hectares, the Network operates as a multi-layered shield, combining technology, information sharing, joint patrols and rapid-response teams to prevent poaching before it occurs.



Kelly Abram from the WLA shared these words with us: “The Waterberg Landscape Alliance would like to sincerely thank Conserv Earth for your past fundraising support. Your contribution has played an important role in advancing our protection work for rhino and the conservation work across the Waterberg.”

This map illustrates the Waterberg and the extensive conservation reserves distributed across the district. The Waterberg Landscape Alliance’s reach extends across almost the entire region, underscoring the comprehensive scope of our conservation work and collaborative efforts.

YEAR TO YEAR GOALS

GOALS FROM 2025/2026

- **Collaboration is vital** – continue to strengthen partnerships, growing each project, working towards common goals and scaling where possible. **ACHIEVED**
- **Conserv Earth fund** – continue building the fund and investing for the long-term sustainability of Conserv Earth. **ACHIEVED**
- **Increase private sector engagement** – build stronger corporate relationships and secure more long-term, annuity donors from the private sector. **SOMEWHAT ACHIEVED**
- **Develop mentorship through Tanda Tula** – work with Kurisani Mhlobo to establish a mentorship programme, identify suitable candidates and explore opportunities for future funding. **SOMEWHAT ACHIEVED**
- **Expand the uMkhuze Environmental Camp** – continue exposing young community members to conservation, work with local NPOs to expand its reach, and identify a suitable successor to Simon Nxumalo as he approaches retirement. **ACHIEVED**
- **Grow Khumba Ncila** – expand the clinic with the Savanna Community Trust, engage local vets and clinics, employ from the community and work towards greater self-sustainability, while assisting with corporate funding and continued growth. **ACHIEVED**
- **Advance pangolin and fence research** – continue research with Prof. Ray Jansen to inform government on improved fence design, while developing a legal documentary to assist magistrates and officials with animal trafficking sentencing. **ACHIEVED**
- **Animal welfare and emergency wildlife operations** – support well-run welfare centres and remain available to assist with urgent wildlife operations. **ACHIEVED**

GOALS FOR 2026/2027

- **Partnerships** – continue to strengthen the relationships we have built with existing partners, while seeking out new partnerships.
- **Conserv Earth Fund** – this remains vital to the longevity of Conserv Earth and our ability to make our support for projects sustainable. Our aim is to continue growing the fund each year.
- **Private sector engagement** – an area we need to place greater focus on, as we look to build meaningful relationships and grow our base of annuity donors to Conserv Earth.
- **Pangolin Fence Research/Judiciary Video** – support the groundbreaking electric fence research and help drive meaningful change to fence-line legislation in South Africa. Assist with the distribution of the Pangolin Judiciary Video to ensure that judges and magistrates have the knowledge and understanding required to prosecute effectively.
- **New students** – identify and support new students through the SAWC, while investing in and upskilling those already within the programme, such as Kurisani Mhlongo.
- **Overhead percentage** – maintain our current discipline around overheads and keep this figure below 10%, with the longer-term goal of remaining within the 5% to 8% range.
- **uMkhuze Environmental Camp** – continue to support this important beacon of hope, while working to identify a suitable replacement for Simon Nxumalo.
- **Khumba Ncila** – assist with the construction of staff accommodation for the new full-time veterinary team.
- **Animal Welfare** – continue our annuity support to our welfare partners, while remaining ready to assist with special projects where and when the need arises.

FINANCIAL REPORT

“We won’t have a society if we destroy the environment.”
- Margaret Mead

Since inception in March 2021, Conserv Earth has raised R8 704 012.89 million towards our cause and with operational expenses of 9.5%

4.1%

Operating Expense as % of Funds raised in FY'26

R2.18m

Funds raised in FY'26

R1.69m

Funds Distributed in FY'26

9.5%

Operating Expense as % of Funds raised since inception

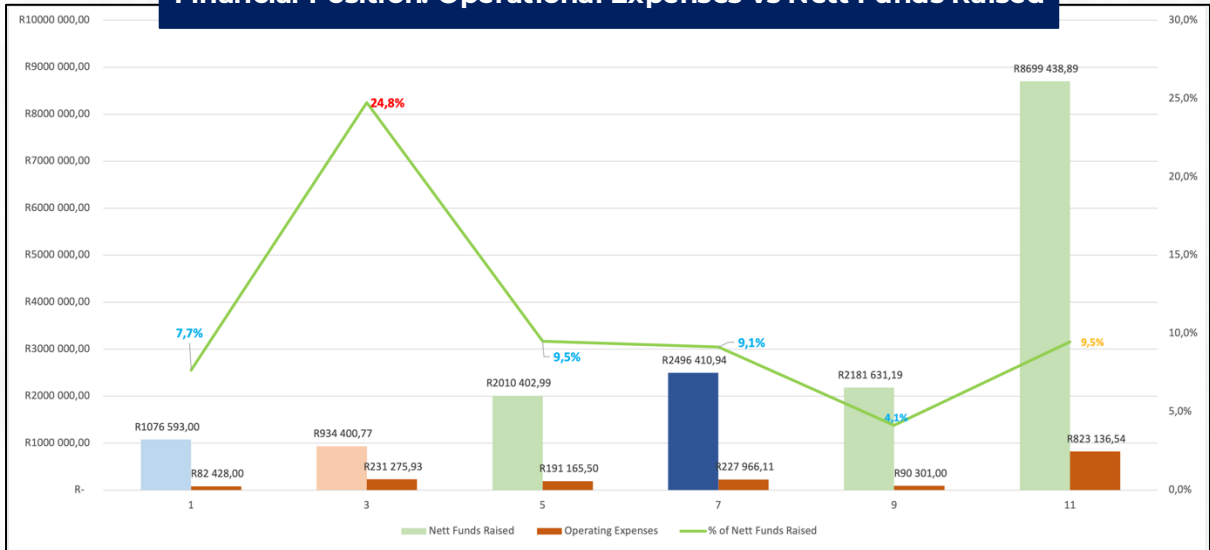
R8.7m

Funds raised since inception

R6.41m

Funds Distributed since inception

Financial Position: Operational Expenses vs Nett Funds Raised



For FY'26, R2 181 631.19 nett funds were raised of which R1 698 027.36 was distributed amongst our various beneficiaries. Operational expenses as a 4.1 % of nett funds raised saw a big improvement from 9.1% in FY'25, amounting to only R90 301. This is something we are very proud of! Since inception our operating costs total R823 096.90 which is 9.5% of the R8 699 438.99 million net funds raised. Five years into our journey, the operational expenses have stabilized, and we continue to push to reach our goal of keeping operational expenses to between 5% & 8% in future.

FINANCIAL REPORT

“You cannot protect the environment unless you empower people, you inform them, and you help them understand that these resources are their own.”
- Wangari Maathai

Our detailed income statement below provides clarity for the income received for the FY '26. It outlines Nett Funds Raised, Operating Expenses and the Surplus for the year.

DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT					
for year ended 28th February 2026					
		2026		2025	
	R	R	R	R	R
Income	R	2 576 797	R	3 195 018	
Cost of Fund Raising	R	395 166	R	698 607	
Nett Funds Raised	R	2 181 631	R	2 496 411	
Biodiversity Protection	R	854 127	R	848 232	
Animal Welfare	R	658 000	R	879 817	
Emergency Operations	R	-	R	15 000	
Education	R	185 900	R	127 600	
Total	R	1 698 027	R	1 870 649	
Interest Received	R	79 603	R	59 666	
Operating Expenses	R	90 301	R	227 966	
Accounting Fees	R	5 410	R	8 415	
Advertising	R	10 760	R	27 243	
Bank Charges	R	7 433	R	4 744	
Consulting Fees	R	-	R	112 000	
General Expenses	R	18 986	R	12 962	
Insurance	R	9 731	R	8 948	
Salaries & Wages	R	-	R	49 440	
Social Media	R	-	R	-	
Travel & Accommodation	R	13 120	R	-	
Web Hosting	R	3 460	R	4 214	
Website Design	R	21 400	R	-	
Surplus / (Defecit) for the year	R	472 906	R	457 462	

The above gives us confidence that Conserv Earth is in a strong position to continue the work we are doing in the year ahead, while strengthening our foundations as a sustainable non-profit. Our goal remains simple: to build an organisation that can continue making a meaningful difference for many years to come.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DONATE

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