

COMMUNITY, CONSERVATION & RESERVE LEVY



YOUR LEGACY BUILDS COMMUNITIES & PROTECTS WILDLIFE AND LAND

Every guest who arrives at Kwandwe steps into a story of purpose — one rooted in the protection of wild places and the upliftment of the people who live alongside them. This journey is supported by the CC&R Levy (Conservation, Community & Reserve): a nightly contribution that directly sustains three core pillars of impact — safeguarding the land, supporting local communities, and preserving biodiversity for generations to come.

The levy is R1,500 per adult and R750 per child (under 19 years) per night.





CONSERVATION EFFORTS (25%)

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION & COUNTER POACHING

A quarter of the levy funds the Kwandwe Rhino Conservation Trust, a non-profit organisation dedicated to safeguarding black and white rhinos. This trust is instrumental in protecting rhinos at Kwandwe and across the Great Fish River Reserve, ensuring their survival for future generations.

The conservation contribution also supports the following critical activities:

HELICOPTER FUEL

Used for security patrols and rhino monitoring to reduce poaching threats.

TRANSLOCATION

Supporting the safe movement of species such as rhino, cheetah, lion, and buffalo across Southern Africa to promote genetic diversity and ecosystem balance.

EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Purchasing tracking equipment like GPS collars and telemetry systems to monitor wildlife and enhance data-driven protection efforts.

EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

Training for field-based conservation staff who work directly with wildlife.

CANINE UNIT

Training, feeding, and veterinary care for our anti-poaching dogs — essential members of the frontline team.

EQUIPMENT & UNIFORM

Providing field rangers with high-quality protective gear and tools to ensure their safety and effectiveness in the bush.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (25%)

COMMUNITY UPLIFTMENT THROUGH THE UBUNYE FOUNDATION

Another quarter of the CC&R levy supports the Ubunye Foundation, a beacon of hope for surrounding communities since 2002. The foundation offers vital development programmes that ripple through families and generations:

The conservation contribution also supports the following critical activities:

EDUCATION

45 early development centres
500+ children assisted to complete primary education.

LIVELYHOOD PROGRAMME

Empowering 4000+ women to develop their own green businesses through financial education, support & training.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMME

Supporting outreach to five clinics in association with the Department of Health

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME

Rebuilding schools and supplying local schools with eco-toilet.





RESERVE MANAGEMENT (50%)

THE DAILY STEWARDSHIP OF KWANDWE

Half of the CC&R levy is directed toward the vital day-to-day care and long-term health of the Kwandwe Reserve. This expansive wilderness is a living system that requires constant management and monitoring to thrive:

The conservation contribution also supports the following critical activities:

BIODIVERSITY PRESERVATION

Removing invasive species and protecting indigenous flora and fauna to maintain ecological balance.

HABITAT RESTORATION

Rehabilitating degraded land, re-seeding native grasses, and removing alien plant species.

WILDLIFE MONITORING

Ongoing population studies, tracking animal movements, and assessing ecosystem health through data collection.

RANGER OPERATIONS & VEHICLE SUPPORT

Equipping rangers with vehicles, radios, fuel, and supplies needed to manage a reserve of this scale effectively.

