

FOREWORD

At a time when nature is in crisis, our story is one of hope, optimism, and ambition. A showcase of what is possible when an influential and impactful network of conservation partners join hands.

ingita is the local Shangaan word for "place of miracles" – and its meaning has never been more deeply and keenly felt than now. With our planet facing the unprecedented challenges of rampant natural destruction and the accelerating effects of climate change, our portfolio of properties and network of conservation partners, offers many inspiring examples of the miracles of land restoration, wildlife recovery, and empowered communities.

The successes across these landscapes encourage us with hope and enthusiasm to keep scaling our collective impact; and to extend our reach in support of a Nature-Positive and Climate-Resilient world by 2030.

Singita's low-impact, nature-based tourism model is a purpose-driven business guided by our 100-year vision to preserve and protect large areas of African wilderness for future generations. We drive awareness and support of the relevance and importance of the dedicated conservation efforts of our not-for-profit conservation partners across the four countries in which we currently operate.

As we celebrate Singita's remarkable 30-year legacy as leaders in luxury ecotourism, we also reflect on the strong conservation foundations laid down to secure, safeguard and preserve these landscapes for future generations. It has been – and continues to be – a remarkable journey, built on the power of enduring partnerships, meaningful collaboration, and impactful contributions from our strategic network of Trust and Fund partners.

From the rainforests of Rwanda to the vast grasslands of the Serengeti and the breathtaking bushveld of Southern Africa – together the Singita Lowveld Trust (South Africa), Grumeti Fund (Tanzania), The Malilangwe Trust (Zimbabwe), and Singita Volcanoes National Park (Rwanda) showcase a remarkable range of wilderness areas and abundant and diverse wildlife. They are home to some of the world's most critical biodiversity, unique wildlife, and iconic landscapes – an increasingly rare and fragile find.

In the pages that follow, you'll find a brief snapshot of the important work and impressive track record of these conservation partners – showcasing a select few of the many projects and programmes that highlight their joint contributions towards a Nature-Positive, Climate-Resilient world.

The Covid-19 pandemic starkly illustrated how deeply our individual and collective health, wellbeing, economies, and livelihoods are intertwined with the wellbeing of our planet. We are more determined than ever to ensure that our nature-based offering contributes significantly towards a Nature-Positive, Climate-Resilient world by 2030.

Become part of our story

Reversing biodiversity loss and addressing the climate crisis are decisive challenges – and what we do (or don't do) in the next decade will define our lifetime, and shape this world for generations to come. It is a sentiment that is inherent to our 100-year purpose as we commit to protecting vast areas of wilderness and wildlife, while ensuring that neighbouring communities develop and prosper.

Guests, donors, and like-minded partners all play a significant role in helping to support, amplify and expand the awareness, reach and impact of these vital conservation and community partnerships.

Join us on our journey towards a future in which nature and mankind thrive – spend time in the Conservation Rooms at our lodges to discover more about the work of our partners; participate in guest experiences such as bespoke Safaris with a Purpose and community project visits; and browse the websites and links shared in this brochure to find out how you can support these efforts.

Inge Kotze

Group Head of Conservation, Singita

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The last 50 years of human activity has seen:

A 69% decline in wildlife populations

Human-induced global warming accelerating climate change and climate instability

1 million species are on the brink of extinction due to the double impact of the rate and scale of biodiversity loss and climate change.

We believe the time is now – across the globe – to act collectively, and with great urgency.

It's time to halt and reverse these interlinked trends of biodiversity loss, the extinction of species, and human-induced climate change.

Singita's nature-based tourism and conservation partnership model is committed to deliver on a 2030 Nature-Positive, Climate-Resilient ambition. Our combined efforts and resources are focused on four areas of contribution across all our landscapes:

- halt and reverse biodiversity loss
- zero further extinction of species
- halve our ecological footprint
- carbon neutral



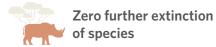
Halt & reverse biodiversity loss

Across the continent, the landscapes in which we operate are all examples of large-scale biodiversity restoration:

- Restored landscapes in Grumeti a vast and critical corridor in the western plains of the Serengeti in Tanzania.
- The expansion of Africa's oldest protected area, Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park - through reforestation and the natural regeneration of buffer zones adjacent to this park, thereby increasing the habitat for many species, including the endangered mountain gorillas.
- The land and catchment rehabilitation of overgrazed and overutilised cattle ranches in Zimbabwe's Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve and South Africa's Sabi Sand to rehabilitate lowveld savannas and bushveld.

As blueprints of biodiversity restoration done well, all of these previously degraded and denuded landscapes are once again supporting healthy, well-functioning ecosystems - and thriving and diverse wildlife populations.





These landscapes now act as important wildlife refugia areas, and play all-important roles in the safeguarding, reintroduction, and recovery of endangered wildlife – from megaherbivores (rhino, mountain gorillas, elephants and buffalo) to large carnivores (including leopards, lions and wild dogs), rare antelope and general plains game.



Halve our ecological footprint

Singita is deeply committed to ensuring that we tread lightly on the earth. Our One Planet Living sustainability commitments drive our efforts to halve our ecological footprint by minimising our use of resources (water, energy, and waste) – and promoting sustainable consumption across our operations and supply chains.



Carbon neutral

In 2020, we launched our Carbon Offset programme to offset emissions from staff flights and guest bed nights. This commitment builds on our investment in renewable energy alternatives, while monitoring and reducing energy usage across all properties.

Building climate resilience is central to safeguarding these landscapes, and the work of the non-profit Trust and Funds focuses heavily on effective land stewardship and ongoing conservation management - invasive alien plant control, fire management and erosion control, and long term monitoring and research.

There is an increasing focus on freshwater resource protection and catchment stewardship initiatives working with neighbouring communities to promote sustainable land uses and management of natural resources to build climate resilient livelihoods with the broader surrounding catchments.





People - the heartbeat of a nature-positive world

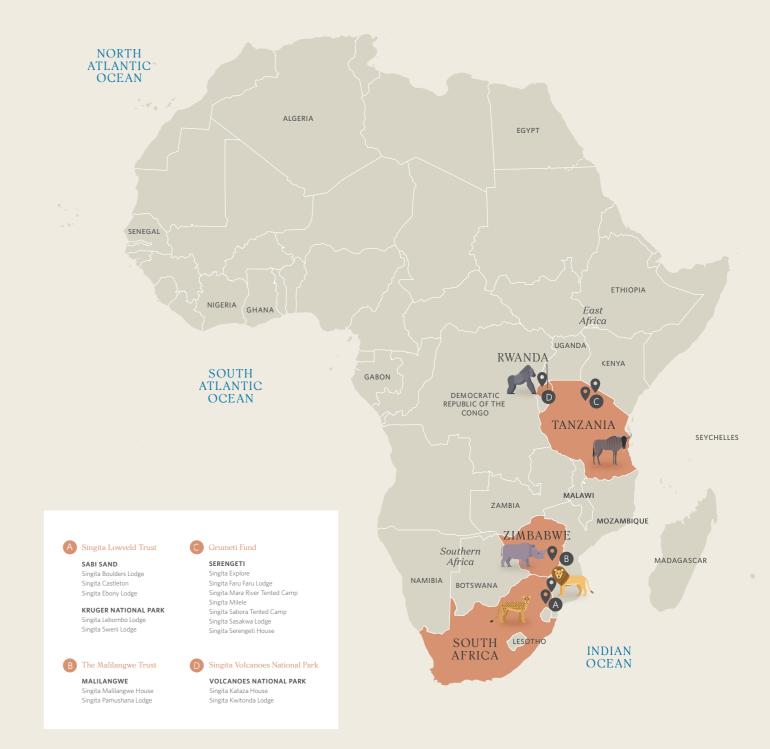
Youth development and connecting people and nature are at the core of how we deliver on these global goals for nature.

The development of long-lasting, meaningful community partnerships remains central to shaping landscapes where nature and people can thrive in harmony with one another. Supporting the many neighbouring communities whose wellbeing and livelihoods are deeply dependent on these landscapes lies at the heart of many of the programmes and projects.

Our community partnership programmes encompass a range of socio-economic interventions that support and promote access to quality education, professional skills development, job creation, rural enterprise development, environmental awareness, sustainable resource use, and woman and youth empowerment.

Join us on this journey and become part of the solution: driving this decade of global-scale restoration of biodiversity and bending back the curve of global warming to a Nature-Positive, Carbon-Resilient world by 2030.

OUR LODGES AND CONSERVATION PARTNERS



Introduction A global conservation imperative



ZIMBABWE

SINGITA MALILANGWE

A rare and remote wilderness in Zimbabwe's breathtaking south eastern reaches – where iconic species flourish and thrive.







REGION Zimbabwe



Malilangwe is home to a remarkable diversity of wildlife including endangered black and white rhino as well as predators like lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena and wild dogs which keep the abundant antelope populations in check. Herds of up to 500 buffalo are not uncommon in the dry season.

Teeming with several fish species, including tigerfish, the Malilangwe Dam is home to hippo, crocodile and numerous water birds; and during the summer months, elephant breeding herds can regularly be seen enjoying leisurely swims. More than 400 bird species are found in the Reserve, and a total of 60 raptor species have been recorded, among which 11 are owls.

Since 1994, The Malilangwe Trust - a Zimbabwean non-profit organisation - has been dedicated to the environmental conservation of this incredible wilderness and its wildlife, as well as the development of local communities living alongside the Reserve. Today, the Trust's 392 committed employees are responsible for far-reaching initiatives that include a nutrition programme, environmental awareness and junior ranger programmes, an anti-poaching unit, youth development, and more.

The Malilangwe Trust's work entails the day-to-day management of the Reserve, and their holistic vision considers every living organism - from butterflies and dung beetles to giraffe and elephant which are all equally important to the functioning of a healthy ecosystem.

GLOBAL GOALS

Halt and Reverse **Biodiversity Loss**

Connecting people and nature





Zero further extinction of species

Youth development





Key objectives include restoration and preservation; making a meaningful contribution to conservation science through dedicated research; contributing towards the development of people in surrounding communities; and developing sustainable revenue streams to fund these activities.

By integrating conservation and community development to the mutual benefit of both humans and wildlife, this team promotes a coexistence that is critical in today's Africa. Science-based wildlife protection allows the healthy growth of wild populations in their natural habitat, alongside community development programmes that support livelihoods, improve local standards of living, and teach the value of wildlands and wild animals so that they will be preserved for future generations.





While anti-poaching scouts have always been a part of The Malilangwe Trust's arsenal, the more recent mounting scourge of organised poaching has called for intensified efforts. In 2007, when rhino poaching reached crisis levels in southern Africa and threats to the Reserve intensified, the Trust responded by re-fencing the entire property, increasing the number of scouts, and improving their equipment and training.

Scouts' recruitment training includes physical fitness, tracking, first aid, weapons training, radio communications and GPS proficiency – and the physical and mental challenges of this training pushes recruits beyond what they believe they are capable of. At the end of the six-month course, a select few take their places as Malilangwe Scouts. Refresher training is scheduled every three months.

Constantly on high alert, the Malilangwe Scouts are at the forefront of the war on poaching and their extraordinary courage and dedication stands between the Reserve's biodiversity, and, for some species, the threat of extinction. The Anti-Poaching Unit directs considerable effort and resources towards intelligence which allows them to respond to incoming information and apprehend potential poachers.



DONATE:

USD 540 – for 1 Scout's full uniform (including boots, uniforms, and wet-weather gear)

USD 5,000 – 100 rechargeable high-lumen flashlight torches for night patrols

USD 10,000 – 100 hydration bladder packs to keep scouts hydrated during their daily patrols in the bush

Key successes:



2005-2022: **37 white rhino** translocated from the
Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve
to other conservation areas



2021: 10 critically endangered black rhino translocated to Gonarezhou National Park



Poaching at Malilangwe is 90% under control



12-fold increase in rhinos since 1994

Today, 90 scouts are strategically deployed across the Reserve, and their daily patrols include antipoaching and biological monitoring. While on patrol, they observe and record data on large mammals and other wildlife. This data is captured into a database which is used to direct management decisions and further scientific research.

Compared to other reserves with rhino, Malilangwe reports fewer incursions. Malilangwe's Quick Reaction Team has multiple functions including rapid response to incidents, assisting government authorities with off-property investigations, locating rhino that are infrequently seen, and visiting neighbouring communities to forge relationships.



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A CONSERVATIONIST AT HEART: MEET PANDENI CHITIMELA

"I'm a conservationist at heart – I want to ensure that Malilangwe's wildlife is safe, and that its flora and fauna will be around for future generations."

Growing up with an innate passion to protect animals, Pandeni Chitimela was destined for a life in conservation from a very young age. In pursuit of his lifelong purpose, he enrolled in the Malilangwe Scouts' selection course in 1997, and was recruited soon after that. During his five years as a scout, Pandeni developed a fascination for the Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve's flora and fauna, and learnt all he could about different vegetation types while collecting meaningful data about the incredible wildlife of this region.

His enthusiasm did not go unnoticed and before long, Pandeni was selected as one of Malilangwe's first Research Technicians. With further training and continuing to broaden his skills set, he took on responsibilities such as rhino database management, rhino ops, and training the scouts on rhino monitoring, which has given him integral and in-depth knowledge of all the rhino on the reserve.

In 2021, Pandeni was intricately involved with the translocation of 10 black rhino from the reserve to the nearby Gonarezhou National Park. He helped with the selection of the animals and created the list of rhino to be moved. "Our selection included animals who were friends - because they were often seen together; and mothers with calves. We also considered their mates - so if a cow was frequently seen with a bull, we'd move the pair together," he says.

Preparation for the translocation involved everything from ensuring that the team had enough water on hand to spray the animals to keep them cool, to packing the necessary gear (like GPS and cameras) as well as chains and ropes, and a chainsaw to remove shrubs and bushes around the rhino to smooth the process.

During the translocation, Pandeni was radioed by the scouts when they had located the earmarked animals, and he alerted both the air and ground crews in the wildlife team to dart the rhino. Once the rhino were darted from the helicopter and immobilised, Pandeni's role as part of the ground crew involved crucial monitoring activities - and he measured their horns, body length, the diameter of their feet, and more. He also assisted with gently and safely directing the rhino into crates.





NUTRITION PROGRAMME

NOURISHING YOUNG MINDS

The Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve is located in an area that is prone to unpredictable rainfall patterns and frequent periods of drought. Neighbouring communities mostly rely on subsistence farming to survive, as a result they are vulnerable to these climatic variations and face food insecurity. Many children living in rural Zimbabwe have to walk long distances to school, often with little or no food to get through the day, which leads to high rates of absenteeism.







20,000+ children receive a nutritional drink every school day

Improved school attendance

and physical development of children, higher energy levels and enhanced concentration in class.



Water health and sanitation was addressed for the broader community – extending to schools and clinics.

In 2003, the Trust established a programme which aimed to provide a fully balanced meal to every school child, every school day. It's located at 400 sites in the communities surrounding the reserve. Children younger than 5 received corn-soya porridge at satellite meal sites, and children under 12 received this porridge at selected schools.

In 2019, the initiative was expanded, and the porridge was replaced with maheu – a highly nutritious drink. Today, maheu is distributed to 32 schools in the area, as well as three children's homes and an old-age home. While there's been a decline in the number of distribution sites, the programme's reach has been increased to include more children.



The Trust employs and trains 32 people in neighbouring communities as custodians of this vitally important programme, and they are responsible for every child receiving 300ml of maheu per school day. They also prepare the maheu and take care of the health and hygiene of each facility. As maheu is prepared with water, the Trust works closely with relevant government ministries to ensure the cleanliness and safety of potable water at each site. Where needed, hygiene standards of water facilities were addressed by implementing infrastructural changes or drilling boreholes.

DONATE:

USD 16 – one meal per day for a child for a year

USD 25 – to feed 15 children a month with 1 x 20kg bag of maheu

USD 200 – one child's junior school education per year (Grades 1-7)

USD 1,250 – 1 ton of maheu



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CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAMME

INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION OF AMBASSADORS FOR NATURE

While rural communities living alongside Africa's pristine wilderness regions can be crucial for the survival of these settings, they are often unable to actively participate in the preservation of these protected areas due to a limited availability of knowledge.





Key successes:

The Malilangwe Rhino Soccer
Trophy Tournament – an annual
soccer festival which combines
sport and conservation – was born
from these classes.

Green Clubs – which include tree-planting – were started at various schools.

One of the students received a **sponsorship to study law** at a university in India.

Facing challenges accelerated by climate change – and with their livelihoods for the most part depending on subsistence farming – there's an increasing need to be better equipped to deal with ecological processes that affect the soil; as well as a better understanding of everything from fires and grazing to the detrimental effects of unsustainable agricultural practices.

To empower local communities with the information and skills they need to understand the value of conserving wildlife and wilderness, and the benefits that arise from the dedicated care of the natural assets around them, the Trust established a dedicated Conservation Education course. Hosted at Hakamela Camp in the reserve, classes are designed and hosted by Malilangwe employees, and each four-day course is earmarked for Grade 6 (11-12 years old) pupils from 11 schools bordering the reserve.

Launched in 2011, the course aims to instil an appreciation for wildlife, conservation, sustainability, environmental processes, and cultural heritage, as well as to equip students with a range of life skills. Students also participate in highly engaging game drives and practical field experiments in the bush, where most of them have their first-ever experiences with large wild animals.



In addition to learning more about environmental functions, they embark on team-building exercises, receive counselling on prevalent and pressing social issues in their communities, and are immersed in a cultural experience at the Kambako Living Museum – which showcases historical bushcraft of the Shangaan people.

Since inception, the course has averaged 450 students per year.

By raising awareness, and through education and meaningful experiences in the wilderness, a new generation of ambassadors for conservation can be inspired to come to the fore.

Awareness will always be key to the success of these efforts, and thanks to an improved understanding of the work being done – as well as the goals at the heart of the efforts to preserve this beautiful reserve – the Trust receives ongoing support from its neighbours.



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DONATE:

USD 60 – to sponsor Conservation Education (per child per year)

USD 40,000 – funds needed to buy a new vehicle for Conservation Education game drives



JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMME

DEVELOPING AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG MEN



The Malilangwe Trust's Junior Ranger Programme (JRP) started in 2018 with the purpose of equipping young men with life skills to improve their employment opportunities after leaving school. The programme takes place during school holidays over the course of a year, and is aimed at boys aged 16-19 from a neighbouring rural school. The JRP is designed and instructed by the Malilangwe Scouts, who act as mentors and pass on a diverse range of skills and wisdom to the young recruits.



During their time as Junior Rangers, the boys live in purpose-built dormitories in a Malilangwe staff village in the Reserve. As unity is important, they work as a team and share responsibilities – including cooking their own meals, washing, and keeping the facilities clean and tidy. For all of these boys, it's their first time to sleep in a real bed and use a proper shower.

The course aims to instil discipline, respect, teamwork, leadership, and self-confidence – which in turn creates a happy learning environment. The Junior Rangers are instructed in physical fitness, bushcraft, conservation education, first aid and a wide range of life skills such

as sewing, cooking, public speaking, and compiling CVs. They ultimately graduate in a parade which encompasses a full drill exercise and demonstrates some of the incredible skills that they've mastered in conservation, first aid and public speaking.

Over the past 5 years, 14 of the boys who have graduated from the programme have been employed by the Trust to work in their conservation programmes, workshops, maintenance departments, and as scouts. A couple of the boys who continued with their schooling have also been sponsored by the Trust to attend university.

Key successes:

To date, **74 boys have been impacted** – giving them hope, direction, life skills and future opportunities.

The **Junior Rangers** are in turn making a difference in their communities by giving back (eg building homes for the elderly, establishing vegetable gardens and mentoring other youngsters).

4 boys received sponsorships

from The Malilangwe Trust for their A levels and one received a bursary to study Finance at university.

Graduates of the programme have been employed in various departments across Malilangwe; some have become mentors in the Junior Ranger Programme.



DONATE:

USD 150 – stationery, first aid and survival kits per boy (per year)

USD 250 – school uniform including shoes per boy (per year)

USD 3,000 – senior school attendance per boy (per year)

USD 5,000 – costs for 1 young man to attend a government university in Zimbabwe, including accommodation, meals, uniform and laptop (per year)

USD 40,000 – funds needed to buy a vehicle to transport the Junior Rangers



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"It was heartbreaking to see the number of girls who were absent from school and didn't have adequate resources to help them through their periods. Giving them a product that they'll be able to use for several years was not only inspiring, but also gave hope and a brighter perspective to the future of girl child empowerment."

KASANDARA MCKOP,

MALILANGWE TRUST RESEARCH STUDENT

Key successes:

In 2022, RESCUWS:



 Raised USD 23,250 after 28 runners and 13 cyclists completed a combined total of 650km/403.9 miles in 10 days.



Produced 6,750 pads –
 4 women sewed an average of
 40 pads per day in 8 months,
 using 615m of fabric.



 Distributed 5,005 pads to 956 girls and 32 teachers at 5 high schools, and 13 RESCUWS team members.



 Held informative talks on menstrual hygiene, women's health, sustainability, girl child rights, child abuse, child marriages and other important topics to empower young girls.

More than 70% of girls in rural Zimbabwe don't have access to proper sanitary wear and resort to old rags, leaves, and cattle dung instead – and 62% miss school days due to this lack of hygiene products.

Dedicated and named in honour of Emelina Sipumise – a Malilangwe Trust employee whose own childhood experiences led her to become an advocate for the growth and success of young women – RESCUWS (Run Dedicated to Emelina Sipumise Unifying Women in Communities Through Sustainability) empowers Zimbabwean girls by providing them with sanitary products, and motivating them through education and messages of hope.

At its inception in 2022, RESCUWS supported small, eco-friendly business enterprises in Zimbabwe and the funds raised were used for manufacturing packs of pads, sewn by local women in Harare. Sustainable living is part of the Trust's ethos and if looked after properly, pads can last between 3-5 years. Each pack of 5 reusable sanitary pads allows one girl to manage her periods with dignity and without a financial burden for up to 5 years.

The pads enable girls to continue going to school while menstruating, and to not be embarrassed due to the need to carry around buckets of water and wash during their cycles. It also frees them from physical discomfort, rashes and other skin ailments caused by using other materials, and they don't have to ask family/guardians for money for sanitary wear.

DONATE:

USD 20 – 1 pack of a set of 5 washable and reusable RESCUWS pads

USD 20 – 1 pack of 5 items of girls' underwear

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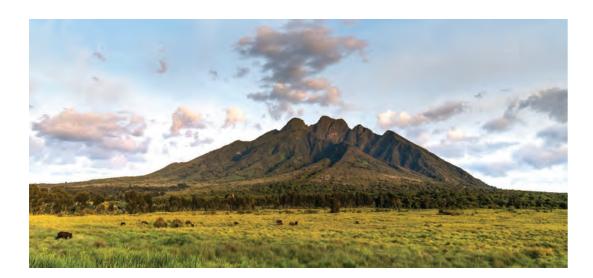
USD 3,000 – sponsoring 1 girl to attend senior school (per year)

USD 5,000 – sponsorship to attend university in Zimbabwe per girl (per year)

USD 12,000 – to set up 1 x 120,000-litre rainwater harvesting system per classroom



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OUR FISCAL SPONSORS



The African Community and Conservation Foundation

African Community & Conservation Foundation (ACCF) identified the need for a gateway platform to connect people all over the world with the strategic and sustainable community and conservation programs underway in Africa. Founded in 2018, ACCF's mission is to contribute to the preservation of important African wilderness areas, as well as to empower the communities living alongside these spaces, contributing to a world in which people and wildlife live together, sustainably, forever.

As a United States public charity exempt from Federal Income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, ACCF work with distinguished non-profit funds and trusts carrying out impactful conservation and community projects in Africa. Its founding project was with the Grumeti Fund, located in the western corridor of the Serengeti, which paved the way to expand and grow its impact across Africa. The latest ACCF expansion projects include Karingani in Mozambique, the Rwanda Project - Volcanoes National Park, and The Malilangwe Trust in Zimbabwe.





Empowers Africa

Empowers Africa serves as a fiscal sponsor to over 30 organizations working on the ground in Africa, supporting programs that protect wildlife and land conservation as well as community-led, measurable and sustainable programs that bolster communities improving access to education, healthcare and business opportunities. A U.S. public charity under IRC Section 501(c)(3), Empowers Africa is efficiently collecting and processing donations for some of the most effective changemakers on the continent, allowing them to focus on what's most important—the work being done on the ground.



"We find ourselves in the defining decade of our lifetime – this must be a decade of restoration and regeneration. Now is the time to act collectively, with urgency on a global scale to restore nature for our own benefit. What Africa offers to the world is completely unique - the incredible biodiversity and true spirited people - we owe it to them to do everything we can during this challenging time. Working with our dedicated network of conservation partners, Singita is committed to safeguarding some of Africa's most critical biodiversity areas, and restoring and maintaining healthy, functioning natural ecosystems, which will also help buffer us from the most extreme impacts of rapid climate change."

JO BAILES, CEO, SINGITA















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