



## Sustainable Eco-Tourism

Sustainable eco-tourism and community upliftment is of the utmost importance at Mowani.

### Conservation:

- We have recently established a working relationship with IRDNC (Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation), AfriCat, EHRA (Elephant Human Relations Aid) and the Uibasen (Twyfelfontein) Conservancy to increase our conservation footprint in Damaraland.
- A meeting was held with Garth Owen Smith to continue our current support of the desert lion project whereby Mowani and Kipwe pay the salary of one of the two game rangers (even though it is outside our conservancy)
- We have planted a variety of local indigenous plants which are harvested and replanted around the lodge and water hole.
- The waterhole has been expanded to provide a local elephant herd of 18 (including 2 calves under 6 months old) with enough water when they visit the lodge.

### Community:

Projects include;

- Winter Knights and the Medic Rush where the elders and children received blankets and where doctors and nurses are transported into Damaraland by Round Tablers to provide medical support to the community.
- A quarterly soccer tournament, where the threats of alcohol abuse are discussed.
- We supply neighbouring farms with vegetable off cuts for their pigs.
- Mowani assists local farms by fixing waterholes damaged by elephants.
- We prefer employing from within our own conservancy first.
- We also assist the local community based vegetable garden by developing skills to manage the project. This includes budgeting, sustainability and crop rotation.

Recycling and re using:

All our refuse is recycled and sent to Windhoek which is more than 400km from the lodge.

### Staff upliftment:

Mowani currently has an assistant manager and head guide who started working at the lodge 13 years ago as builders and waiters. Recently, we have empowered 8 staff to supervisor level and have brought in experts to train kitchen staff as well as front office staff.

### Sustainable vegetable garden:

Mowani has started their own herb garden which is maintained by the chefs. This garden is being expanded to grow a variety of vegetables as well. We do however not want to expand too much as we are also supporting a community based vegetable garden in the conservancy.



**Local suppliers:**

Mowani purchases vegetables from Dimab, a community based vegetable garden and assists with empowering the locals to manage the project successfully.

**Solar power:**

Mowani does not make use of solar power. We do however make use of gas geysers and use energy saving bulbs. The lodge was designed with a high roof and ventilation ducts which results in a temperature change from inside and outside of no more than 5 degrees on hot days.