



Nature Connect Continues as Small Grant Facility for Table Mountain Fund



Nature Connect is excited to continue its role as a small grant facility for the [Table Mountain Fund](#), supporting impactful community-driven conservation projects across Cape Town.

In September 2024, we launched an application call for the 2025 Small Grant cycle, seeking projects that combine community participation with conservation efforts. After receiving numerous inspiring proposals, we selected five deserving recipients who are ready to make a significant impact on the Cape Floristic Region's biodiversity and local communities.

On 10 December, we hosted an induction event at Zandvlei Lookout, where the 2025 Small Grant recipients gathered for a day of networking, sharing ideas, and learning about the key tools needed to manage their projects. From tracking project impact to managing budgets, the day was filled with practical advice and mutual support. [Read More About Our Recipients Here!](#)

Nature Connect Welcomes past interns as New Hires from Groen Sebenza Programme

As we step into the new year, Nature Connect is thrilled to kick off 2025 with exciting news. We are proud to announce the addition of New Hires From the Groen Sebenza Programme in partnership with [SANBI](#). This initiative has been instrumental in providing young professionals with hands-on experience in environmental conservation and education. These talented individuals have now been hired as fixed-term staff members, bringing their passion and expertise to our organisation.

The [Groen Sebenza Programme](#) has been a cornerstone in our efforts to nurture the next generation of environmental stewards. By hosting interns through this programme, we have provided them with valuable training and development opportunities. These interns have now become an integral part of our team, bringing fresh perspectives and innovative ideas to our projects.



[Read More About Our New Hires Here](#)

Get ready to be inspired. Reverse the Red Day - 7 Feb 2025!

Join Safiyyah, our passionate Site Manager at Soralia Village, as she takes you on a journey through this hidden gem nestled right in the heart of an urban housing development. 🏡❤️

Discover why this small conservation area is so special—named after the critically endangered *Psoralea glaucina*, Soralia Village is a testament to how dedicated efforts can make a massive impact. 🌸🌟 Safiyyah shares the essential steps we're taking to protect this rare species and shows how even the tiniest patches of nature can contribute to biodiversity conservation.

Let's celebrate this success story together and keep pushing to #ReverseTheRed! 🌍💪

[Watch Safiyyah's Video Here](#)



Discover Bokbaai Conservation Camps!

Set in the historic 1000ha property of Bokbaai, where refurbished Cape Dutch buildings provide functionality and beauty, and tents offer a deeper connection to nature and the elements. Give your students an immersive outdoor experience at Bokbaai Conservation Area. Our expert-led overnight camps (3-5 days) combine marine ecology, adventure, and leadership development. Take learning outdoors at Bokbaai Conservation Camps! Expert-led field studies and adventure-based education in a stunning West Coast setting. Sleeps 40. Safe & secure. Book now! Ideal for:






- Perfect leadership camps
- Environmental outings
- Team building & development

[Learn More Here](#)



Empower Your School with Nature Connect's Sustainable Schools Programme

Inspire learners to become eco-conscious citizens with the Sustainable Schools Programme. Designed for South African teachers, this innovative programme supports educators in embedding environmental education and sustainable development into their classrooms and school culture. Key Features include:

-  **Actionable Projects:** Engage learners in sustainability-focused activities that drive real change.
-  **Curriculum-Aligned Resources:** Access a rich library of CAPS-aligned teaching materials and activities.
-  **Personalised Support:** Receive expert guidance through online and in-person coaching.
-  **Recognition and Rewards:** Celebrate your school's progress with exciting rewards and an annual awards event.
-  **Interactive Online Hub:** Connect with like-minded educators, participate in professional development, and collaborate with sustainability partners.

Join a growing community of passionate educators taking bold steps for a greener future!

Sneaky Passenger Rescued!

Our skilled training coordinator, Petro Botha, recently found herself face-to-face with a Boomslang that had made itself at home in a Toyota Tazz at the Zeekoevlei yacht club! 🚗🐍

Thanks to her calm expertise, the snake was safely removed and released into a more suitable habitat. Moments like these highlight the importance of understanding wildlife and acting responsibly around our slithery friends.

📹 Petro even caught the rescue on video!

[View The Full Video Here](#)



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Cycling for Nature!



Nature Connect recently bought charity entries to the Cape Town Cycle Tour to encourage our supporters to get involved - we still have some spots available for you to Cycle for Nature!

Changing Lives through Nature!

Keep an eye on Nature Connect's website, socials and don't forget to subscribe to *Connected to Nature* on LinkedIn.

Nature Connect and its supporters will soon be revealing their fundraising campaigns to raise funds for programmes and projects at Nature Connect!

The first of these campaigns is some fantastic supporters who are riding the Cape Town Cycle Tour to raise funds for their favourite programmes using our Charity Entries.

Nature Connect Trust is a verified charity on both BackaBuddy and GivenGain. What does this mean? All funds raised for Nature Connect on these platforms go straight to Nature Connect to be used to change lives through nature!

So what are you waiting for? Go check out our fundraisers today!



Not a cyclist? Don't worry! You can still host your own campaigns to raise funds. Maybe you're running your first 5k? Hiking up Table Mountain? Or want to make a meaningful gift on your birthday? Host your own campaign today! (*psst - keep an eye on our website for tips*)



Follow our WhatsApp Channel

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There's Still Time to Cycle for Nature!



We're thrilled to announce that Nature Connect still has 7 tickets left for the iconic 42-kilometre route. This is more than just a ride—it's an opportunity to raise funds and contribute to meaningful environmental work while enjoying one of the most scenic and celebrated cycling events in the world.

Are you ready to be part of something extraordinary? On the 9th of March 2025, the Cape Town Cycle Tour is back, and this time, Nature Connect is giving you a chance to pedal for a purpose!

How it Works:

- 1 Email donations@natureconnect.earth to get started.
- 2 Buy your entry ticket from us for R500.
- 3 We'll help you set up a BackaBuddy/GivenGain campaign.
- 4 Share your campaign and raise R1,000 per entry for us.
- 5 We'll help amplify your campaign on our platforms.

Already have a CTCT entry?

You can still Cycle for Nature! Start a fundraising campaign on GivenGain or BackaBuddy where you can link your campaign to Nature Connect to Change Lives through Nature!

Join the GivenGain Draw!

GivenGain is doing a giveaway for three R2, 500 Cycle Lab gift vouchers!

How do I enter?

Open a Cape Town Cycle Tour fundraising project on GivenGain for a charity (*pick Nature Connect!*) and raise R1,500 by 27 February 2025. You stand the chance to win one of these great vouchers!

Please note: this competition is not run by Nature Connect. It is run by GivenGain. Nature Connect is a charity registered on the platform that can receive donations.