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Greater Kruger National Park



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“The wilderness holds answers to more questions than we have yet learned to ask.” - Nancy Newhall







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Before we can conserve Africa's wilderness areas, we need to understand what makes them function, what threats they face, and how we can best ensure their survival. That's why we've invested in the creation of the Conservation & Research Centre (CRC). A hub for researchers, scientists and guests who share our passion for conservation, the CRC will inform and empower our goal of preserving the Greater Kruger ecosystem.

At the heart of the CRC is the Nature Lounge - a unique and inspiring space where people can come together to share ideas in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere of continual learning. Display cabinets showcase the natural wonders of the Greater Kruger, and serve as a reminder of the importance of conservation studies.







Where Ideas Come to Life

Research and conservation progress happens when passionate people get to share their ideas, and inspire others. The Nature Lounge provides the perfect venue for exchanging ideas – and given its location, these ideas can be instantly translated into action.

The Nature Lounge will serve as a launchpad to revitalise current initiatives, and to pioneer programmes that can make a lasting difference. Researchers can interact in a relaxed space, and guests can gain insights that will add depth to their perfect stay.

The CRC will become a focal point for everyone who visits or lives at Royal Malewane, and will provide fertile soil for the ideas that could one day save the Greater Kruger ecosystem.









Building for the future

The Biden family, founders and owners of The Royal Portfolio, have always had a passion for Africa's wild places. Royal Malewane provides the perfect platform from which they can share their commitment to conservation, with guests of The Royal Portfolio.

With its design and construction funded by Royal Malewane, the CRC project has been endorsed by **Phil Biden**, Owner and Co-Chairman of The Royal Portfolio. Phil has a wealth of experience in conservation, and continues to give back as a Director of Thornybush Nature Reserve, and a leader in rhino protection initiatives in The Greater Kruger. He gives his skills, time and advice freely to our many stakeholders, including the local communities we share the area with.

He is regularly asked to advise on financial matters relating to our stakeholders, and his sound financial planning has placed The Royal Portfolio on a very secure footing. This has enabled us to invest in innovative ideas like the CRC, and back our ideals with real monetary support.





Passion for Nature

Chairperson of The Royal Portfolio Foundation, **Ali McAdam** (née Biden) has seen first-hand how a handful of passionate and determined people can create something truly special and build a legacy that will benefit future generations.

Ali, who conceptualized and designed the CRC will also be responsible for guiding its mission and vision.

Given her background in teaching and early childhood development, Ali is exceptionally well-suited for this role. She holds a B.Soc.Sci in Environmental and Geographical Science, as well as Psychology, and thereafter obtained a Higher Diploma in Education. This diverse educational background enables Ali to collaborate naturally with scientists, researchers, educators, students, and community leaders.









“I dream of our vast deserts, of our forests, of all our great wildernesses. We must never forget that it is our duty to protect this environment.” - Nelson Mandela





Researchers welcome!

Co-located with the Nature Lounge at the CRC, The Residence will feature ensuite bedrooms for researchers, each with Wi-Fi and air conditioning. After all, science is essential – but it needn't always be hard work. A vehicle and professional Tracker will be assigned to assist researchers in their fieldwork. We can also assist researchers with obtaining the necessary permissions to conduct studies in the Greater Kruger. The beautiful Nature Lounge will be made available for reserve meetings, as well as providing a space to collaboratively run skills development and knowledge transfer programmes with local communities.

Ultimately the CRC is about nurturing relationships – between people and the planet, and with universities, NPOs and other highly regarded institutions. Our goal is to support NPOs and researchers as they go about the vital work of data collection, analysis and environmental education.





Tracker Institute

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Successful conservation initiatives require passion – but also unique skill sets. South Africa has many skilled trackers, but opportunities to progress to elite status in this profession can be as elusive as some of the rarer creatures in the bushveld.

Operated in conjunction with legendary tracker Louis Liebenberg (CyberTracker) and led by Royal Malewane Head Guide and Master Tracker Juan Pinto, The Tracker Institute will give existing trackers access to the mentoring and advanced training they need to achieve the highest levels of their profession, and reach ‘gold standard’ certificates including Professional Tracker, Senior Tracker and Master Tracker.

Graduates of The Tracker Institute will be ideally placed to help raise standards across the industry, and enable more guests to experience the wonders of Africa’s wild places on a deeper level. As a guest of The Royal Portfolio, you can also learn tracking fundamentals during your stay at Royal Malewane.



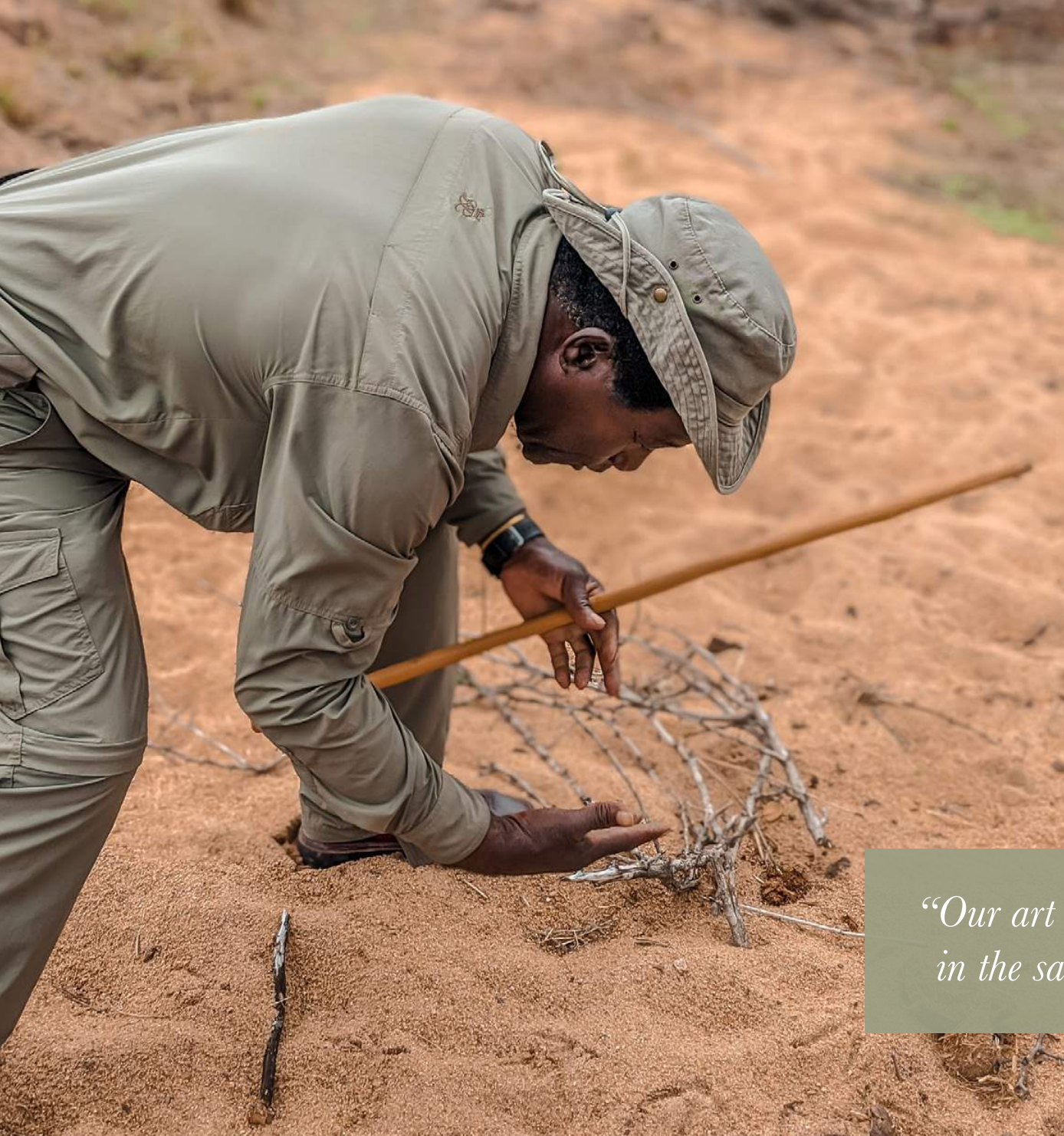


Raising the Bar

Juan Pinto, Director of Conservation and Wildlife and Master Tracker at Royal Malewane, is one of the most highly qualified Trackers in Africa.

He is also an exceptional mentor, and is deeply committed to helping other Trackers achieve the very highest level within their profession. In this way, he is making a vital contribution to empowering Africa's best Guides to assist researchers and deliver exceptional guest experiences.





*“Our art has an opportunity to leave a footprint
in the sand.”* - Hugh Newell Jacobsen





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We look forward to welcoming you to The Royal Malewane Conservation & Research Centre and The Tracker Institute, and hope that you can join us in building a brighter future for our communities and our planet.

Warm wishes,
THE ROYAL MALEWANE TEAM

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