

LOWVELD TRAILS CO.

CONSERVATION

2024

GREEN HOUSE GAS ASSESMENT

We completed a GHG emission assessment across all scopes of business for financial year end 2025.

35.7 % decrease from previous year

27.3 TONS

GHG OFFSETING

We offset 28 tons of GHG emissions according to VERRA standards for financial year end 2025. However, we are committed to greater mitigation efforts as part of our long-term solution.

NET ZERO

The primary reasons for a decrease in GHG emissions during 2024 is due to the installation of solar panels at our office and more strategic travel arrangements for the Kalahari Primitive Trail season .



We are committed to building a net positive, Nature-based business that creates the space for personal, social and Wilderness regeneration.

PRIMITIVE TRAILS

While out on 'Primitive Trail' we essentially conduct extended counter poaching patrols. Our random movements, away from roads, provide an unpredictable presence, an opportunity to detect spoor/shots and all-night observation points. We communicate our findings with relevant conservation managers throughout the year.

Lowveld Trails Co. conducted 52 'Primitive Trails' during 2024. That's a total of 208 days and 156 nights in the field.

CONSERVATION LEVIES

During 2024 Lowveld Trails Co. contributed more than ZAR 1 17 365 in revenue towards the Protected Areas in which we conduct 'Primitive Trails' and Trails Guide Training. These levies are used for conservation management and anti-poaching purposes.

ZAR 117K

WILDERNESS

We established our definition of Wilderness, created a 'Wilderness Scoresheet' and now use these components to provide a 'Wilderness Rating' for each of our Primitive Trail landscapes. The initiative is aimed at raising Wilderness awareness and to monitor the impact of infrastructure development within Protected Areas.

Lowveld Trails Co. defines Wilderness as an ecologically intact landscape with associated wild qualities that is largely untrammelled by modern human infrastructure.

FUND

We manage a 'Wilderness Fund' with which to protect and/or regenerate the intrinsic Wilderness qualities of select landscapes. Lowveld Trails Co. contributed a portion of our annual business profit and all our 'Wilderness Levies' to generate revenue for this fund. This year's spend of ZAR 95 000 was split between the removal of encroaching Blacktorn (*Senegalia mellifera*) from the !Khamab Kalahari Reserve, and sponsorship of Primitive Trail experiences for young leaders from local communities adjacent to the Greater Kruger National Park.

ZAR 95K

MONITORING OF WILDERNESS RATINGS

Kalahari Primitive Trail (!Khamab Kalahari Reserve) 85%

There was no change in the Wilderness Rating of this venue during 2024. We have now completed two seasons at !Khamab Kalahari Reserve and have been able to establish that the level of disturbance is very constant. According to the 2023 vs. 2024 scoresheet, we noted an increase in high-altitude air traffic.

Makuya Primitive Trail (Makuya Nature Reserve) 82%

There was an overall decrease of 1% during this past season (83% in 2023). The decrease was due to an increase in the evidence of other people's impact on the landscape and the possibility of seeing other people while out on Primitive Trail.

Timbavati Primitive Trail (Timbavati Private Nature Reserve - Rothsay & Tawane) - 69%

There was an overall decrease of 2% this past season (71% in 2023). According to the scoresheets 2023 vs. 2024, the primary reasons for disturbance and change was due to an increase in vehicle activity, increase in aeroplane and helicopter activity and water collection (perhaps not enough digging this season).

Thank you for your participation and let's keep our finger on the wilderness pulse next year.