

## THE IMPACT OF YOUR TRAVEL TO AFRICA

Prior to Covid, but even more so, after Covid, the valid question is raised if we really should travel (by air) to far away destinations and what the impact is of such travel on our environment.

At The Africa Experience Collection (our in-house travel brand) we strive to make sure that your experience is a positive impact experience and has a proven positive impact on the destination, it's wildlife and environment. Moreover, and not the least important, a proven positive impact on the livelihood of the communities who work and live at our wildlife areas.

### HOW

Impact of your travel is not just measured by the CO2 what is produced by flying to us. Nevertheless, in order to give our guests an opportunity to hands on off set the CO2 component, we have set up a large tree nursery for indigenous trees. At this nursery you can purchase any number of trees which we will plant at our wildlife areas and in such a way your potential negative CO2 impact, can not only be neutralized but turned into a very positive impact.

We state very positive as the impact of planting local indigenous trees goes way beyond compensating the CO2 component. The nursery itself is housed on community land and 4 full time staff members look after the saplings and each sapling is grown out of local collected seeds. It therefore directly contributes to creating sustainable jobs.

The trees species itself is a very important factor as the trees will be planted in areas where they are under pressure or have disappeared as a result of elephant behavior, climate change and historical mismanaged cattle areas. In other words, they play a major role in rehabilitating large portions of wilderness.

The general planting of trees in our wilderness areas plays a further significant role in stopping surface erosion and helps with creating more favorable circumstances for grass the grow; not only an important factor in CO2 absorption but a vital component for increasing biodiversity and increasing the carrying capacity for our herbivores. The areas where this was applied have, in a short period of time, shown a major difference in total composition of tree/plant and grass species.

In other words, the overall positive impact is significant.

### ADDITIONAL IMPACT

The concept in which TIMBO AFRIKA through Terra Conservancy Operations and her Koro Camps have developed sustainable tourism in the Central Tuli in Botswana, has had a very visible positive impact on the wilderness areas in which we operate and equally important, has had a very positive impact on the development of the local communities in both sustainable jobs, business development and security. As all revenue generated by Koro Camps is re-invested in this region it has resulted in the following short term results:

- A 40 km elephant fence was built to keep wildlife (mainly elephants and lions) out of the farming areas thus resulting in the fact that for the first time in 12 years crops were planted and no livestock was lost. The so-called Human-Wildlife conflict is hereby curbed.
- A JV was set up with three local communities in order to develop tourism enterprises with them: in other words not just job creation but the creation of long term ownership. Over and above this, staff is trained in various disciplines what uplifts the knowledge of local community members.
- An antipoaching unit with local unemployed youth was set up; this helps create a safer area and more awareness for the importance of protecting wildlife.
- Local schools are supported by helping to set up fruit and vegetable gardens. Not only does the supply of fresh goods assist the Camp operations but they receive parts of the fresh goods. Our guests often make donations to support the school in many ways.
- The wilderness areas are improving in condition and with more wildlife and sensitive areas, like riverine forests, are protected. No further degradation takes place.

- Finally, the total job creation of over 50 (better paid) staff members has a significant impact on the wellbeing of the three villages in which the staff lives. Research has shown that on average 7-10 family members depend on their income.

None of this would have happened without the support and income generated by the tourists visiting our areas.

Your IMPACT is significant!



KORO ISLAND CAMP

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TULI BLOCK - BOTSWANA

KORO RIVER CAMP

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TULI - BOTSWANA