



# ENGAGED PARTNERSHIP FUND

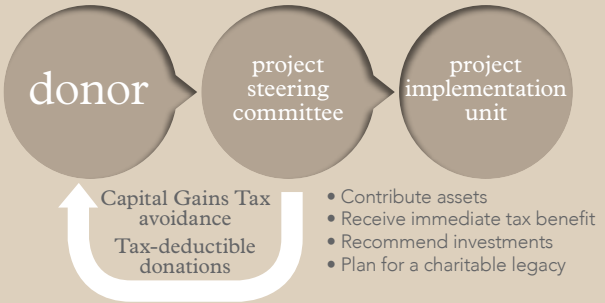
A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO PHILANTHROPY





Peace Parks Foundation has been facilitating the establishment of transfrontier conservation areas (TFCAs), often referred to as peace parks, since 1997. While the peace parks concept is not unique to southern Africa, the region has taken the lead in realising the vision of linking more than a million square kilometres of protected areas and ecosystems across international borders to create a network that will preserve southern Africa’s biological diversity, re-open ancient wildlife migration routes across man-made borders, and promote regional peace and stability between people, wildlife and nature.

Over the years, the TFCA concept has gained a significant amount of traction and interest from Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries, donors, non-governmental organisations, collaborating partners and critics. More than €300 million has been mobilised for TFCA development in southern Africa, with promises of substantially more funding becoming available. The financial resources mobilised for TFCAs are by far the largest and most significant source of conservation finance in SADC over the past decade.



Peace Parks Foundation has now developed an exciting new facility to provide supporters of the peace parks concept with a strategic approach to philanthropy – the **ENGAGED PARTNERSHIP FUND** – with ease of administration and the opportunity for tactical input.

The concept behind an Engaged Partnership Fund is that the donor is able to select the project or programme to which the funds will be directed, as well as participate in bi-annual meetings at which priorities are determined and allocations agreed to. The mechanism uncouples the timing of the charitable tax deduction (minimum \$1m) from the granting, with disbursements and reporting managed by Peace Parks Foundation. Donors can also bequeath a charitable legacy, with an appointed representative participating in the management of that legacy.





# Community Development Facility in Usuthu-Tembe-Futi TFCA

The first Engaged Partnership Fund was established in 2013, with three partners: the COMON Foundation, the government of Mozambique and Peace Parks Foundation. The selected project is the Community Development Facility (CDF) in the Usuthu-Tembe-Futi component of the broader Lubombo TFCA. The fund serves as a financing mechanism to unlock community enterprise and socio-economic development opportunities that are aligned with the strategic objectives of the TFCA and further support the development objectives of the Mozambican government.

The CDF is structured as a multi-year project funding initiative. Appropriate and interested parties are afforded the opportunity to participate in the CDF through a structured application process, which considers applicants and projects that fulfil the requirements of the CDF. Specifically, the CDF seeks to invest in and promote viable and sustainable community-based agriculture, conservation or natural resource management and tourism-related projects.

“It has been a privilege for COMON Foundation to see, first-hand, the positive change its funding is making to the livelihoods of people where its projects are being implemented. This is not just funding projects, but being involved in their implementation and being part of seeing communities reap the benefits – a very rewarding partnership.”

– Board, COMON Foundation.

Grants for the following projects were approved by the CDF steering committee and significant progress has been made to date:

- VEGETABLE PROJECT (Tchia community) – providing an income to 40 farmers and food security to 150 people through the construction of greenhouses and drip irrigation, the provision of fertiliser, pesticide, seeds and training, and creating market linkages and networking with agricultural service providers;
- CHILI PROJECT (Matchia community) – providing full-time employment for 40 farmers through capacity building, the appointment of a farm manager, acquisition of an irrigation pump and transport vehicle, and the construction of a storage shed;
- HONEY PROJECT (Madjadjane, Gala and Guengo communities) – a new project, the beekeeping association will comprise 60 members, providing hives (from 5 to 15 per farmer), a central processing facility, and the sharing of information between members;
- WATER PROJECT (Nine communities) – providing fresh drinking water to 1 727 households (10 362 people) and their cattle, with water pumps linked to solar panels;
- ECOTOURISM PROJECT (Chemucane community) – Of the 18 community members trained in hospitality services at the SA College for Tourism, 14 are permanently employed at Anvil Bay Lodge [www.anvilbay.com](http://www.anvilbay.com), which is owned by the Chemucane community. Altogether 850 people will benefit from the project; and
- CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE PROJECT (Massohane and Gala communities) – training 60 farmers in conservation agriculture techniques and providing food security for 300 people. The aim is to move farmers away from conventional slash-and-burn farming techniques, which are not only inefficient, but also one of the main causes of deforestation in Mozambique.





# opportunities

exist to create new ENGAGED  
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in support of, inter alia:



## Business development in Simalaha Community Conservancy in the Kavango Zambezi TFCA

Business development opportunities in the conservancy are largely based on wildlife economy (hunting, live game sales and culling for meat), ecotourism (in-house owned and operated campsites, birding facilities, a fishing camp, a game lodge and houseboat concessions), commercial agriculture (production, processing, packaging and branding) and the identification and coaching of local entrepreneurs in a variety of lean start-up opportunities.







## Conservation in the Nyika component of the Malawi-Zambia TFCA

The primary objective of the management of Nyika National Park is the conservation of biodiversity and the anticipated socio-economic benefits of community-based natural resource management and ecotourism. Projects include wildlife management and the restocking of game, forest rehabilitation, catchment management, fire management, control of domestic animals, eradication of alien invasive plants and sustainable resource utilisation.

## TFCA Veterinary Wildlife Programme including the Hans Hoheisen Wildlife Research Station

Peace parks allow wildlife to move freely between protected areas across country borders. However, it is essential to prevent the transmission of highly infectious diseases between wildlife reservoirs and livestock in the areas surrounding TFCAs. Work based on the Mnisi Community Programme, with over 60 current projects, has attracted considerable international interest. Active research programmes are being developed in foodborne pathogens, new trading mechanisms to benefit indigent people in TFCAs, antimicrobial resistance and food safety. An exciting commodity-based trade project is being piloted and, if successful, will be replicated in the TFCA network.







## Community development in Greater Lebombo Conservancy in the Great Limpopo TFCA

An integrated livelihoods diversification strategy has identified various community development needs in the conservancy. These include training in conservation agriculture techniques to improve food security and the delivery of reproductive health alternatives, to enable the planning of family sizes that will also reduce pressure on the natural resource base.



## Ecotourism in Maputo Special Reserve and Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve in the Lubombo TFCA

To increase tourism to the area, a brand should be developed and a marketing and reservations platform established, with a hub at Santa Maria and convenient ferry access to Maputo. Affordable tourism products should be offered and third-party operators encouraged to develop a range of responsible tourism activities, such as turtle trails, whale watching, scuba diving, snorkelling, hiking, biking (fat bikes), fishing, canoeing and sea kayaking.

# engage

Peace Parks Foundation is able to provide for tax-deductible donations to be made in Germany, the Netherlands, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the USA. To learn more about establishing an Engaged Partnership Fund, contact Kathy Bergs at [kbergs@ppf.org.za](mailto:kbergs@ppf.org.za), speak to your local representative, or visit the Support Us section of the Peace Parks Foundation website.

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Peace Parks Foundation facilitates the establishment of transfrontier conservation areas (peace parks) and develops human resources, thereby supporting sustainable economic development, the conservation of biodiversity, and regional peace and stability.



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