

# CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF P.E.A.C.E



## SAMARA ELEPHANT RELOCATION

The translocation of a family of elephants to Samara Game Reserve in the Great Karoo was a conservation milestone as this area has not had any elephants for 120 years. The new elephant family has settled in well, spending the past few weeks exploring the various habitats on the reserve.

This photo shows the matriarch fitted with a satellite collar sponsored by ERP - this allows us to track the herd's movements and behaviour to ensure their safety. (Photo: Samara Matriarch) Samara is a privately owned Reserve and up until now a beneficiary community has not yet been identified.



## BEEHIVE FENCE HONEY HARVEST (GAZINI)

The gazini project was established to prevent the invasion of elephants from Mozambique, crossing into Kwa-Zulu Natal, and damaging the crops of local subsistence farmers, this project has now come to the end of its first phase of implementation. On the 12th December 2017 the second and final harvest took place, heralding the end of the first phase of this initiative. Sekelekani Honey bee project is now a registered Cooperative and is formally and proudly known as the Sekelekani Honey Bee Cooperative.

The members must be commended on their diligence, their work ethic and their wholehearted dedication to the project. The production has increased by over 60% since the start of the project and will most likely continue to improve as they have continued to manufacture boxes and more suitable potential sites will continue to be identified in the future.



## KNITTED WINTER WARMERS FOR GAME RANGERS

We would like to thank Blankets For Baby Rhinos for their generous donation to ERP of blankets, beanies, scarves and hand warmers for the Game Rangers. Our Game Rangers play a vital role in protecting our animals, and every bit of assistance is greatly appreciated.



## ERP BRINGS CHRISTMAS TO KEKANA GARDENS

On 11th November, EPI-USE Staff delivered gifts to more than 60 orphans and elderly people in Kekana Gardens, a community adjacent to Dinokeng Game Reserve. The targeted beneficiaries were from Bothokwa Bja Ngwana Day Care Centre and Seikhokotelo Old Age Home. The gifts included school bags, stationery and several treats and toys for the kids, whilst the elderly received linen, toiletries and goodies as gifts.

The highlight of the day was the local youth band that provided entertainment for the elderly, who also got up to sing and dance. The band was organized by Kwalata Lodge, in the Dinokeng Reserve, a close associate and supporter of ERP. A big thank you to Jana Kotze and her team from the Pretoria Office who spearheaded the fundraising campaign, thereby going by groupelephant.com's mantra of Going Beyond Corporate Purpose.



## WE CODE WORKSHOP AT THE PFARANANI SKILLS TRAINING CENTRE, KEKANA GARDENS

We Code is a computer programming training course targeted at High School students. These courses introduce coding in a way that is relevant to any child's interests - be it robotics, Minecraft, or advanced text languages. Over 100 local youth came through after invitations were sent out by our partners from the South African National Civic Organisation (SANCO). Attendees were put into groups of between 22-34 for each 1 hour training session.

Arthur Anderson and his team from Africasgotgame were able to take all participants through the basics of coding a game using tablets, allowing all participants the opportunity to progress through the different stages. Interactive question and answer sessions and participation allowed all participants to be treated and rewarded with goodies for their effort, urging them on. The second day of the two day course demonstrated to the participants the process involved in coding for a drone. The children all received certificates for their participation.



# HOW CAN YOU HELP US TO RESOLVE HUMAN ELEPHANT CONFLICT



## HONEY PRODUCTION AS AN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

Providing mitigation methods to make allowance for peaceful coexistence of people and elephants through:

- Provision of improved security fencing
- Deployment of beehives which are a deterrent for elephants and economic opportunity for the local people
- Providing alternative water sources for elephants to prevent them crossing into community territory



# BECOME AN AMBASSADOR

JOIN OUR ERP AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME AND YOU COULD BE JOINING US ON THE NEXT ELEPHANT RELOCATION

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## ABOUT ERP

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