



Sustaining the Wild Coast (SWC)

Annual Report July 2015 - June 2016

Dedication: Sikhosiphi 'Bazooka' Radebe



On 22 March 2016, Sikhosiphi 'Bazooka' Radebe, the chairperson of the Amadiba Crisis Committee, was murdered at his workshop in Lurholweni in front of his son. Those involved in the anti-mining struggle feel certain that his murder was orchestrated by local forces pushing the mining, in a desperate attempt to quell resistance. But if anything, his murder and his brave resistance have only stirred even greater courage and will by the Amadiba communities to stand firm and protect their land and people from the rapacious pro-mining forces. This SWC report and the 2016 AGM takes place in his memory and in love and solidarity with his family and community. Hamba Kahle, Bazooka.

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NOTE: 'Spend' figures in this narrative report are approximations and are not expected to tally with the audit. They are merely included to tell a story as the funds may be from other organisations and have not gone through SWC's books or they may be 'separated out' from bulk programmes to tell their own story. See the financial report attached for the audited figures.

1. GOVERNANCE

1.1. AUDIT

- Spend: R10 000
- Board oversight: Sandy
- Lead person: Rob McGloughlin
- Neville Hide and Associates trading as Accumulo Consulting are our new auditors.

1.2. BOARD MEETINGS

- Spend: average R15 000 per meeting
- Board oversight: Sandy/Margie & Andrew
- Two board meetings were held over the course of the 2015-2016 financial year, dealing with key organisational and programmatic issues of SWC. All board meeting decisions were made with a quorum present.
 - 16-18 Oct 2015 in Port Edward (included the AGM)
 - 16 April 2016 in Port Edward

1.3. LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

- Board oversight: Sandy
- SWC is currently converting our Section 21 registration to that of a Non-Profit Company without members in accordance with the latest Company Law. A legal firm willing to act pro-bono has been identified and a draft NPC submission is awaiting approval by the Board.

1.4. FUNDRAISING

- Board oversight: all Directors
- SAFCEI passed on R22 000 of their fund raising to assist with Board Meetings. Thank you SAFCEI!
- The final tranche of NLC funding came in in December 2015
- An unexpected donation of R60 000 from Proof Communication Africa saw us able to fund essential anti-mining community work.
- SWC raised and managed the funds which came in as a consequence of Bazooka Radebe's murder.
- At the end of this financial year an unsolicited donation came in from the Protectors Fund managed by the Rudolf Steiner Foundation. This was the result of the profile

raised internationally of the 'No to Mining' campaign. The money was spent in the following financial year.

1.5. BOARD TRAINING

- Communications: An unexpected and most worthwhile relationship has developed between ourselves and Jonathon Reese from Proof Communication Africa. Jonathon attended our April Board Meeting and conducted a training for Directors in communication techniques.

2. PROACTIVE PROGRAMMES

2.1. Livelihoods and Development

LOTTO PROGRAMME

- Board oversight: Sandy
- Spend: Spend R1 757 510 (2015 & 2016)
- This programme has continued for the whole of this financial year. It was supposed to end at the end of January but owing to a very late payment by Lotto of the 2nd tranche work came to a total standstill for 2 months because of no funds – including salaries. We summarily extended the programme to the end of April. Remaining funds were still being spent at the end of June and will continue until all funds are utilised.
- The programme has been extremely challenging on 2 fronts 1) At times getting anything to happen on the ground with other local matters taking precedence 2) Working with the SLOW and confused beaurocracy of The National Lotteries Commission. One example of this is an application for the diversion of some unnecessary spend requested in January that had still not been dealt with by the end of the financial year (end June).
- All financial and narrative reports have been submitted to the NLC as timeously as their reply system has permitted. They have received both final reports but are still owed a 'closing report' which will be submitted when all funds are spent.
- Whilst working on the ground has been challenging at times we resolved many of the issues and picked up a regular skype process to plan and report back on activities. A huge impact has been made on the ground.

- The greatest effect has been in the Port St Johns area. This is probably because they have far less 'development' assistance but also because less happens there which impacts on political and community cohesiveness. The programme culminated here with a magnificent cultural celebration which was also attended by representatives from Simbhademe.
- In the Amadiba area there are still a couple of projects that require completion (for which there is still funding) – Komkhulu renovation, Baleni School environmental education and permaculture demonstration garden, food sovereignty assistance
- How the money was used - workshops, trainings, meetings, networking, livelihoods project development, renovation of a school building and a Traditional Authority hall, preparation of a business plan for a cultural centre, explorations for a tourism plan
- July 2015: Renovations to Komkhulu begin.
- July 2015: Buyambo exchange visit to Tombo, Port St Johns to learn from their chicken project.
- July 2015: A hike for school children to celebrate Mandela Day.
- 7 August: Buyambo workshop with ECPTA, DAFF, DEDEAT.
- 21 August: Simbhademe check-in workshop.
- 27 August: Buyambo Government follow-up workshop.
- 6-11 September: Civil Society Alternative Programme (CSAP) parallel to the World Forestry Congress in Durban. 4 representatives attended to learn and volunteer assistance to the hundreds of international visitors.



- Continuous Social Worker support.
- Continuous work by Team Leaders, Coordinators and Permaculture Extension Officers.
- Continuous support of 2 teachers.

- 2-5 September: 1st Simbhademe permaculture workshop and training for Permaculture Extension Officers and Co-ordinators (13 people plus 2 invited guests from another area so that the training spreads).
- 8/9 September: Co-operative workshop for Simbhademe – 30 people
- 14-17 September: Bulungula exchange visit for Buyambo (name of Project 2 group covering 2 large villages in Port St Johns)
- 21-24 September: Jozini exchange visit for Buyambo
- 20 September – 4 October: Cape Town Permaculture training for 2 Team Leaders
- 16 Oct: Presentation to Qaukeni (Royal House of the amaMpondo) regarding the NLC programme.
- November 2015: Computer purchased for Baleni High School.
- 2-4 November: Magic Mamas training workshop for Village Based Accommodation hostesses (Simbhademe and Buyambo areas).
- December 2015: Pondoland Resource Centre Business Plan finalised – a rural training and cultural institute.
- 11-14 January 2016: Additional permaculture gardens identified in Simbhademe area.
- January 2016: Solar power set up for Baleni High School.
- 15/16 January 2016: Buyambo workshop – exchange visit feedback, livelihoods projects planning.
- 18 January 2016: Baleni High School introduction to environmental education and proposal for food sovereignty garden.



- 20 January 2016: Buyambo exchange visit to Kokstad – chicken farming training the permaculture way.
- 23/24/25 January 2016: Buyambo workshop – exchange visit feedback, livelihoods projects identify and quotes requested. Both Noqhekwana and Mthambalala have chosen chickens and sewing.
- February 2016: – Buyambo micro-projects established – chickens and sewing.

- 17-21 February 2016: Food security gardens extension – Simbhademe.
- 7/8 March 2016: 2nd Co-operatives workshop – Simbhademe.



- 14-16 March: 2nd Simbhademe permaculture workshop and training for Permaculture Extension Officers and Co-ordinators (14 people plus 3 invited guests from Quakeni).
- 14-17 April 2016: Environmental education weekend adventure for grade 8s Baleni High School.
- 18 April 2016: Buyambo workshop – cultural celebration preparation and project monitoring.
- 2 May 2016: Buyambo cultural celebration. The whole area plus Ward Councillors and tourists from Port St Johns, as well as reps from Simbhademe, were invited.
- May 2016: Refurbishment of supplies for 3 Village Based Accommodation stay-overs.
- May 2016: Purchase of materials for completion of Komkhulu hall.

3. SWC-CATALYSED PROJECTS

3.1. Education

IGQANGI

- Spend R40 000
- Funder: NLC
- Board oversight: Sandy
- Lead person: Chris



MTENTU PRE-SCHOOL

- Spend: R27 000 (NLC)
- Funders: Ken Gaze, the Nelson Mandela Institute and NLC
- Board oversight: Nobuntu
- The school building was renovated.
- Teachers' salaries were supplemented by Ken Gaze through the Stewardship Agreement.
- 2 teachers were provided with training and the learners were provided with workbooks from The Nelson Mandela Institute.

BALENI HIGH SCHOOL

- Spend R26 000
- Funder: NLC
- Board oversight: Sandy
- Lead person: Mzamo
 - Environmental Education
 - Permaculture infrastructure and training

3.2. Biodiversity and Ecosystems

UMZIMVUBU CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

- Spend: NIL
- Board oversight: Nick
- SWC participated in one of the quarterly UCPP meetings being represented by Val

STEWARDSHIP

- Spend: R18 000
- Funder: Ken Gaze
- Board oversight: Sinegugu
- This is ongoing. Mtentu Preschool is still being supported with teacher salaries. Preschools teacher earning R500, while grade1 teacher who is qualified is currently

being paid R700 per month. There is a need to secure further funding as the LOTTO funding has come to an end.

3.3. Community-Based Ecotourism

TRAILS

- Spend: NIL
- Board oversight: Sinegugu
- We had a trail in December 2016 from Msikaba to Mbotyi providing moms with a wonderful opportunity to walk with their kids and allow them to experience the Wild Coast under Sinegugu's wonderful guidance.

VILLAGE-BASED ACCOMMODATION

- Spend: R20 00 (Lotto)
- Board oversight: Sinegugu
- One new VBA was assisted with funding from CSA. This is based at Mtentu/Nyavini and run by Nomntsindiso Ndovela, one of the Simbhademe graduates and one of the Magic Mama's.
- Lotto funds assisted Simbhademe VBAs in the acquisition of additional crockery and cutlery.

3.4. Partnerships

AMADIBA CRISIS COMMITTEE

- Spend: NIL
- Board oversight: Sinegugu
- Lead person: Mzamo
- On 22 March 2016 the Chairperson of the Amadiba Crisis Committee, 'Bazooka' Radebe, was murdered at his home in Lurholweni township. It is believed by members of the ACC and the community that it was orchestrated by the local pro-mining agents because of Radebe's fierce opposition to the proposed mining. However, police and Hawks investigations have revealed virtually nothing in confirming the motives and people responsible for the murder. In response to the murder, SWC undertook a number of actions to support the ACC and Radebe's family:

- Together with Right2Know Campaign, issued a civil society statement condemning the murder, stating solidarity for the ACC and Bazooka's family, called on the police to act swiftly in investigating the murder, and principally called on the Minister of the Department of Mineral Resources to immediately suspend any possible awarding of a mining right to MRC. This statement was circulated to civil society locally and internationally and almost two hundred organisations signed on. It was then sent to the Minister of the DMR.
- SWC made its bank account available and circulated appeals for members of the public to donate to the account to assist Bazooka's family with funeral costs and the ACC with the immediate costs of dealing with the murder and continuing their resistance to the proposed mining. These bank details were also contained in the above statement. A GivenGain account was also set up, and the two sources raised almost R50 000 from the public.
- SWC also worked with the Alternative Information and Development Centre (AIDC) to raise funds for the ACC and Bazooka's funeral. From Hivos, Protectors' Fund and Frontline Defenders it managed to raise close to R500 000 to fund Bazooka's funeral, security upgrades to protect ACC members, mobilisation, transport and airtime costs, and workshops. These funds were received and administered by SWC on behalf of ACC. Sandy Heather played the lead role in the intensive effort that it took to raise and administer these funds for the ACC.

ACCODA TRUST

- Spend: NIL
- Board oversight: Sinegugu
- Lead person: Nonhle

SAFCEI

- Board oversight: Kate
- SAFCEI shares information regarding the Wild Coast with their membership.

SANBI

- Spend NIL
- Board oversight: Sinegugu/ Sandy
- This partnership was not developed during this financial year.

COPAC

- Spend: NIL
- Board oversight: Andrew
- This relationship is being maintained

WESSA

- Spend: NIL
- Board oversight: Sandy
- Sandy keeps in touch with principals of WESSA as and when necessary and we have their full support.

ABSOLUTE WILD COAST and PONDOLAND WALKING SAFARIS

- Board oversight: Margie
- Lead person: Bongani Mlotywa and Pondoland Walking Safaris (Artist Gqwetha and Vuyani Mbuzwa).
- SWC promotes these companies whenever we can by sharing their contact details and posts on Facebook and by referring readers to them in any tourism articles that are published. Bongani has reported a significant increase in bookings since the Mandela Day hike he organised and the coverage it was given over local radio stations.

4. REACTIVE ADVOCACY

4.1. COURT CASE N2 TOLL ROAD

- Spend:
- Board oversight: Sinegugu/Val
- The hearing of the challenge to Sinegugu's locus standii the PAJA (Public Administration of Justice Act) was postponed.

4.2. TITANIUM MINING

- Spend:
- Board oversight: Sinegugu
- Lead person: Mzamo Dlamini
- Minister of Mineral Resources has announced an 18month moratorium on mining in Xolobeni.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1. WEBSITE

- Spend: R2 000 per month from Lotto funds
- Board oversight: Sandy
- A big thank you to Les, Daniel and Tracey from Webpro for their pro-bono establishing and hosting.

5.2. SOCIAL MEDIA (FACEBOOK)

- Spend: NIL
- Board oversight: Margie
- The number of people who follow our page has increased to just over 2500. This has not translated into financial support but has hopefully helped to raise awareness. It would be helpful to have someone do some sort of analysis of which posts have been most engaged with, and how to improve our FB efficacy.