

**Stichting Bergplaas Van Lippe-  
Biesterfeld**

Condensed annual accounts  
for the year 2022

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## **Report from the board**

### **General**

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### **The board**

The members of the board during 2022 and 2023:

G. Taylor	Chairman as from 19 December 2016
J.A.J.W. Nieuwenhuys	Secretary/Treasurer as from 1 August 2020
P.K. van der Vlis	Member as from 1 November 2021
E.F. van Galen	Member as from 12 December 2021
T.B. Guttman	Member as from 1 March 2021 to 1 July 2022

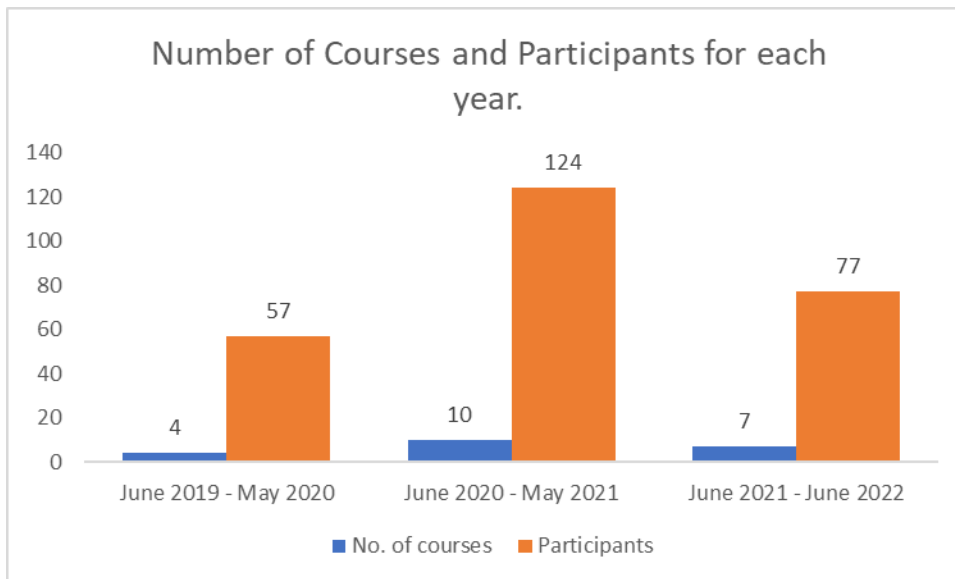
## **Management Report 2022**



### **1. Summary of the project developments**

#### **Overall Progress**

The Spirit of the Wild continues to be a success and positively impact on young South Africans lives. This includes those living in rural and impoverished communities, previously disadvantaged students and those employed by our National/Provincial Conservation Agencies and NGO's.



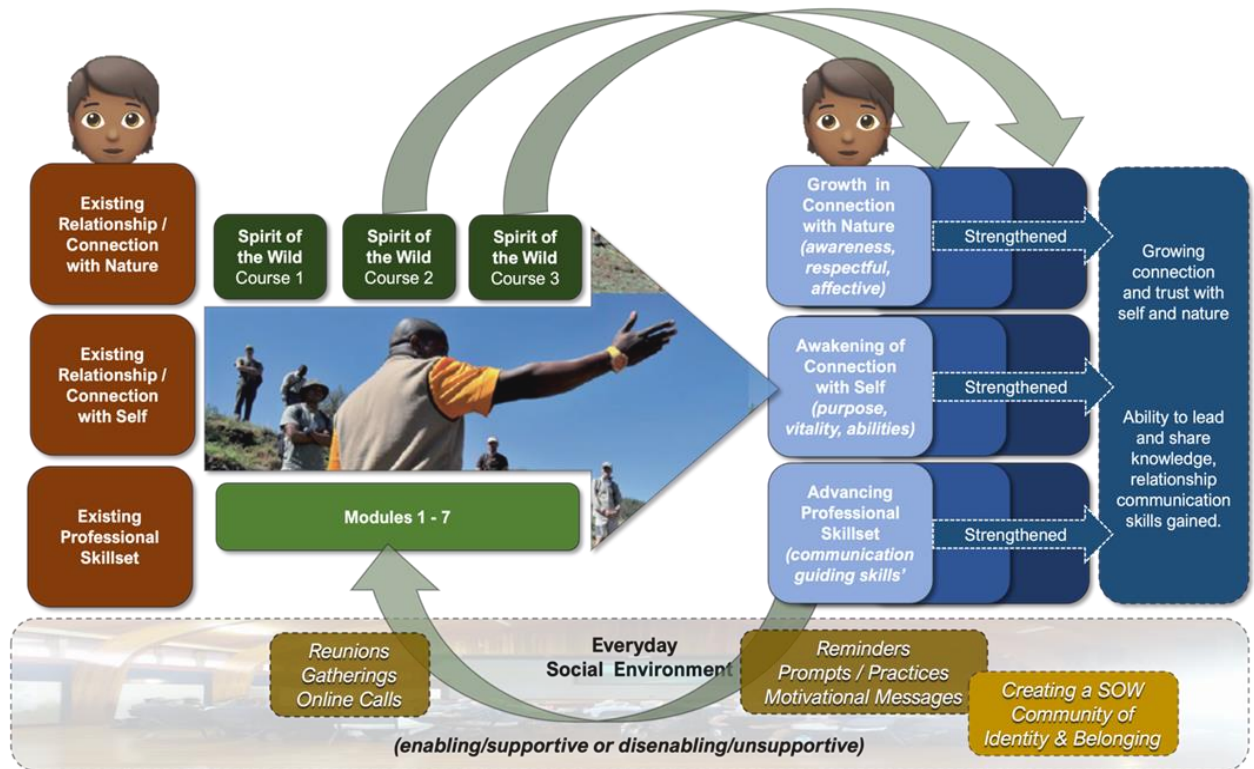
### Key Achievements

The Spirit of the Wild continues to play an important role within vulnerable local communities and previously disadvantaged students. As well as forming an important link in facilitating discussions and an understanding between government (i.e. SANPARKS, Camdeboo National Park) and communities in Graaff-Reinet.

The local town of Graaff-Reinet is almost entirely surrounded by Camdeboo National Park and is therefore within easy access to local communities. Although there are projects in place, the park faces a constant challenge in curbing poaching and harvesting of medicinal plants, as well as theft of infrastructure.

The Spirit of the Wild and Bergplaas Nature Reserve has been acting as a “neutral” space for these two “opposing” sides to openly and safely discuss their respective challenges and viewpoints, ultimately leaving as friends.

In September 2022, Bergplaas hosted a training week specifically for disadvantaged students from Nelson Mandela University



Theory of change illustrated above

## Successes

The following successes were achieved:

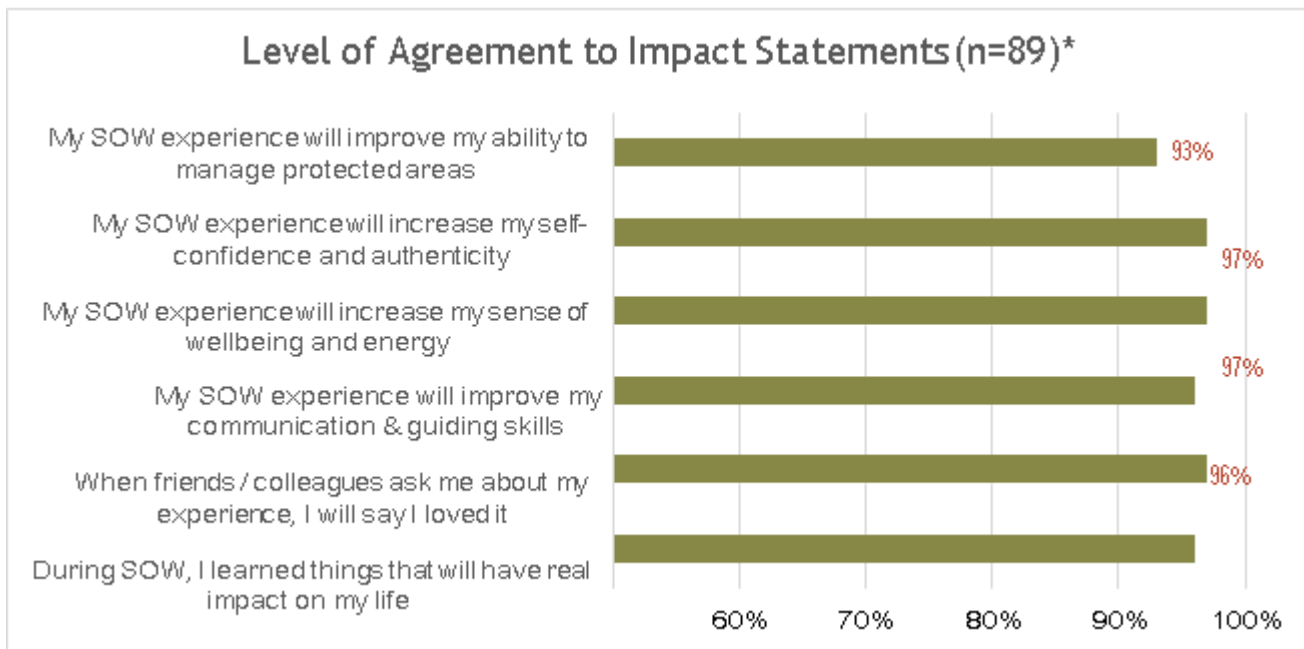
- 65% of graduates gained permanent employment
- 80% of students continued to study further (i.e. Higher Diploma in Nature Conservation)
- Continued support by the South African National Parks, Cape Nature and local communities
- Continued recognition and endorsement by Field Guides Association of Southern Africa and Nelson Mandela University (George Campus)
- Bergplaas to be certified as a Quiet Park by Quiet Parks International
- Carbon Credit Project in partnership with the Endangered Wildlife Trust
- Presentation given to members of The Long Run and students of Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics (PPLE) from the University of Amsterdam.

## New Venues

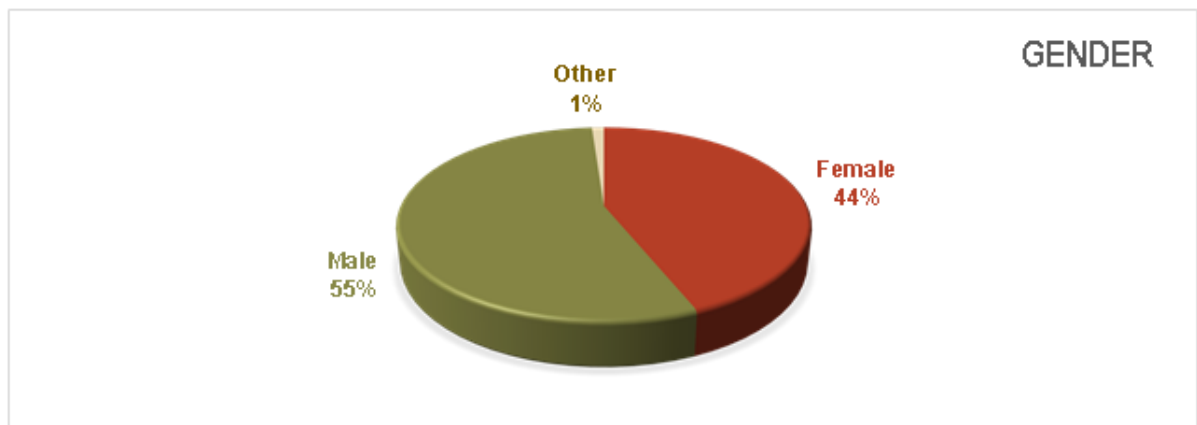
Spirit of the Wild expanded its impact beyond the borders of Bergplaas Nature Reserve and two Wilderness weeks were held with local communities in the Maloti-Drakenberg Park and the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Park, both situated in KwaZulu Natal.

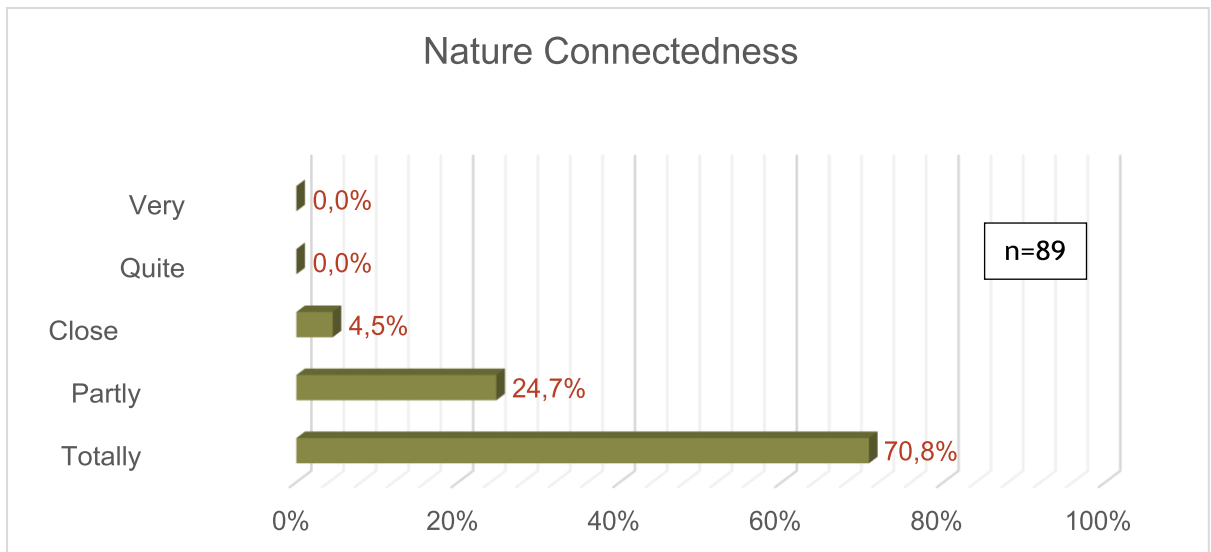
These trainings included a total of 16 unemployed participants (Mqatsheni Hiking Club and Unearthed Project) who live near to the above mentioned parks but who have never had the opportunity to hike and appreciate the benefits of these protected areas.

## 2. Monitoring and Evaluation



Averaged level of agreement given to statements presented on survey scales





### 3. Future Developments

#### **Spirit of the Wild Europe**

The Bergplaas van Lippe-Biesterfeld Foundation plans to extend the Spirit of the Wild training to individuals in leadership positions in Europe, who will then apply this knowledge in their respective roles, thereby creating a sustainable mindset.

The Foundation is currently looking at working in a venue with a wilderness ethos to match the training experience. This includes sites in Spain or Norway.

“When business leaders form a stronger bond with the natural world, it can benefit their organizations, the environment, and themselves”

[\(https://sloanreview.mit.edu/article/businesspeople-must-reconnect-with-nature-to-save-the-planet/\)](https://sloanreview.mit.edu/article/businesspeople-must-reconnect-with-nature-to-save-the-planet/)

There is also a second opportunity to train nature guides in eco-tourist destinations as part of The Long Run ([www.thelongrun.org](http://www.thelongrun.org)) of which Bergplaas is an Affiliate Member.

**Carbon Credit Initiative**

Bergplaas has formalised a Carbon Emission Reduction Project with WeAct and the Endangered Wildlife Trust.

The project aims to develop...

Environmental Benefits

- Emission reductions
- Improved soil health
- Restore degraded lands
- Ecological balance and biodiversity

Socio-economic Development

- Generational conservation
- People's participative programs
- Consistent regional employment
- Upskilling and knowledge transfer

Bergplaas Foundation, June 2023



## Balance sheet as at 31 December 2022

(after appropriation of the result)

	31 December 2022		31 December 2021	
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash		30,883		100,979
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<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Equity</b>				
Reserves		28,088		97,188
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
		2,795		3,791
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		30,883		100,979
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## Statement of income and expenses for the year 2022

	2022		2021	
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
<b>Income</b>				
Donations received		33,295		91,932
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Donations provided	98,500		-	
Other expenses	3,895		4,249	
		102,395		4,249
<b>Result</b>		-69,100		87,683
<b>Appropriation of the result</b>				
Result		-69,100		87,683
<b>Balance to be deducted from/ added to the reserves</b>		-69,100		87,683

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year 2022**

### **General**

Stichting Bergplaas Van Lippe-Biesterfeld (hereafter the foundation) having its legal address in The Hague, is a foundation under Dutch law and is listed under number 67514294 in the Trade Register. The office of the foundation is located in Muiden.

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As of 1 January 2019, the foundation has been designated as a Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling (ANBI).

The financial year is equal to the calendar year.

### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Rjk C1 Kleine organisaties zonder winststreven. In the financial statements no budget has been included because of the function of the budget for the foundation including the budget is not usefull.

The financial statements are denominated in euros.

### **Continuity**

The accounting principles applied to the valuation of assets and liabilities and the determination of results in these financial statements are based on the assumption of continuity of the foundation.

### **Staffing level**

During the financial years 2022 and 2021 no employees were employed.

## **Principles of valuation and result determination**

### **Receivables**

Receivables are valued at nominal value. Provisions for bad debts are deducted from the carrying amount of the receivable.

### **Cash**

Cash and cash equivalents are valued at nominal value.

### **Other assets and liabilities**

The other assets and liabilities are recognized at their nominal value.

### **Income and expenses**

Income and expenses are recognized in the year to which they relate.

The result is calculated as the difference between operating income and the costs attributable to it during the year under review.

### **Donations provided**

Donations provided are accounted for in the year in which they are committed.

### **Income estimates**

In applying the principles and policies for drawing up the financial statements, the board make different estimates and judgments that may be essential to the amounts disclosed in the financial statements. If it is necessary in order to provide the transparency required the nature of these estimates and judgments, including related assumptions, is disclosed in the Notes to the relevant financial statement item.

### **Appropriation of the result**

In the articles of association no provision has been included concerning the appropriation of the result.

The result for the year 2022 amounts to EUR 69,100 negative. Ahead of the decision of the board of the foundation the result has been deducted from the reserves.

### **Fundraising and -appropriation**

The funds of the Foundation shall be formed by gifts and donations, subsidies, bequests and legacies. The equity of the Foundation shall be formed by an approximately 8%-10% retention of the funds received in order to be able to cover operational expenses. The board will review periodically whether this retention is still appropriate in view of the actual operational expenses and will adjust the percentage / amount withheld accordingly. The expenses of the Foundation will be in reasonable proportions to the grants made in accordance with the purpose of the Foundation.

The Foundation has the intention to ultimately spend all gifts received but at least for 90%.

## **Balance sheet as at 31 December 2022**

### **Reserves**

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>EUR</b>	EUR
Balance as at 1 January	<b>97,188</b>	9,505
Result for the year	<b>-69,100</b>	87,683
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Balance as at 31 December	<b>28,088</b>	97,188
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Muiden, June 28 2023

Members of the board:

G. Taylor  
Chairman

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