



Lesley Richardson (left) and Countess Sylvia Labia pictured with Kufandada Zhou from Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority. Kufandada is one of the five students who were awarded SACET scholarships to further their studies in Nature Conservation Management in 2010.

## notes from the field

Since 2005, the generous support of SACET donors has enabled deserving students to continue their studies at the SAWC. Recent interviews with some of the students sponsored by SACET during 2010 illustrate the impact that the training is having on the students and on conservation across Africa.

### James Mwanza

Great North Safaris, Zambia

"Conservation initiatives suffer many challenges ranging from funding constraints, competition of resource use, infringements of land use due to growing human population, climate change and reduction of habitat sites. I have learnt that these problems can be addressed through joint initiatives, collaboration, sharing of experience, lessons learnt and expertise.

I pledge to put all that I am learning into effect as we strive to promote conservation and benefit flow through sustainable land use and development. I have no doubt, that the Certificate Course I am attending at the College will help to change the face of my reserve, my country, the region, the continent and the entire globe."

### Lameck Mumba

Zambian Wildlife Authority

"Other than the knowledge we are gaining from the modules we are covering during the course, I also greatly value the interactions I have with lecturers and students from other countries. It is these interactions that are making my stay at the college both enjoyable and memorable and are exposing me to innovative ideas and different ways of thinking. The college is a melting pot and brings together people with diverse experiences which facilitate an active exchange of ideas. Most importantly however, are the bonds created between students through these interactions. As simple and low level as these bonds may seem today, I believe they have the strategic significance of being the seeds of strong future international relations between the different countries we represent."

### Ramoshabele Richard Menyatswe

North West Parks & Tourism Board

"The nature and uniqueness of the programmes offered by the College is what makes it an exciting place to study. There is no doubt that these programmes impact directly on our operational ability in the field.

For example, insofar as counter poaching is concerned (a focus area which is currently compounded by the challenge of rhino horn poaching in my reserve and in our country at large) we have adopted a 10 point strategy learnt at the College and have adapted our law enforcement programmes accordingly. The Research Skills training module has also enabled me, for the first time, to take part in the annual aerial game count in my organization."

### Mr Trevor Silwamba

Zambian Wildlife Authority

The SAWC has played and continues to play an important role in my overall development. I have been with the Zambian Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) for six years and joined ZAWA as a Wildlife Police Officer after successfully completing the recruit training in 2004. In 2007 I completed my Certificate in Natural Resources Management at the Southern African Wildlife College. I was later promoted to the position of Senior Wildlife Police Officer and was transferred from South Luangwa National Park to the organization's main headquarters in the position of Senior Wildlife Police Officer-CITES Section in 2008 which is where I am still currently deployed.

Important contributors to the success of the training offered at SAWC is the fact that all training is addressed at a SADC level and courses are offered on a block basis. This means that employees are not away from work for the whole year and will return equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to actively address challenges being faced across the SADC region.

### Kufandada Zhou

Zimbabwe Parks & Wildlife Management Authority

Had it not been for SACET, my dreams to further my conservation studies would have remained a nightmare. All the modules offered are extremely relevant and address important aspects of conservation. They are also practically orientated which allows us to directly apply what we are learning in our places of work.

Perhaps two of the modules that stand out the most for me are Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) and Trans-Frontier Conservation Area Management. By involving communities we enable them to see the value of conservation which in turn enables them to look at land use activities which still benefit them but don't disturb the integrity of our ecosystems.

All the SACET students expressed their "earnest and enduring" gratitude to SACET for its support and for granting them the privilege and opportunity to attend certified training at the Wildlife College.



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## college news

*The Southern African Wildlife College, inspired by WWF-SA and supported by the Peace Parks Foundation and the SACET endowment fund, is making great strides towards becoming the most sought after Centre of Excellence in Conservation Education and Wildlife Management training in the southern African sub-region.*



## message from the chairperson and the founder trustee

We have pleasure in presenting you with our 2010 SACET Annual Report.

SACET was set up by WWF South Africa as an independent capital fund to give long term security to the Southern African Wildlife College. At its launch in 1999 we set an ambitious fundraising target. At the end of the 2010 financial year we are happy to report that with the support of loyal and new donors this year, we are tantalisingly close to our first "mini-target" of R20 million.

To add impetus to our fundraising drive, the SACET Trustees have thought it wise to fund the services of a fundraiser for SACET and the Wildlife College. The fundraiser will be in close contact with our SACET donors and strengthen our communications with you in the years to come.

We hope you will enjoy this report and the snapshot it provides of the year's developments at the College. A number of them were made possible by funding from SACET including the updating of the curriculum of the College's Level 2 Conservation Qualification and General Assistant Skills Programme and the development of the College Field Guide course. Then of course there were the SACET Scholarships which were awarded to the following deserving students for 2010: James Mwanza (Zambia), Lameck Mumba (Zambia) and Kufundada Zhou (Zimbabwe). Trevor Silwamba (Zambia) and Richard Menyatswe (South Africa/Co-sponsored) also took up the SACET scholarships they were awarded at the end of 2008. The SACET Trustees salute these students, the inspiration and leadership of the College staff and the progress the College continues to make.



*Lesley Richardson*  
Chairperson



*Sylvia Labia*  
Founder Trustee

Our sincere thanks once again to our SACET donors for their ongoing support for conservation education in the southern African region. This report will leave you in no doubt as to the value of your contribution to the people who dedicate their lives and careers to conservation. The shocking statistics on the poaching of rhinos brings home the need for skilled and passionate people to take up the challenges we face. SACET provides the means to make a difference.

Sincerely

**Lesley Richardson**  
Chairperson

**Sylvia Labia**  
Founder Trustee

## income and disbursements



### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2010

	28 February 2010	28 February 2009
	R	R
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations and voluntary contributions	<b>1,412,029</b>	338,150
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>93,257</b>	89,581
Administration disbursements	<b>47,737</b>	39,047
Fundraising campaign	<b>15,020</b>	22,534
Management services	<b>30,500</b>	28,000
Net surplus before finance income adjustment	<b>1,318,772</b>	248,569
Finance income	<b>1,216,585</b>	1,210,483
Investments - change in market value	<b>2,069,952</b>	(2,577,927)
Total comprehensive surplus /(deficit) for the year	<b>4,605,309</b>	(1,118,875)

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2010

	Capital Fund	General Fund	Total
	R	R	R
Balance at 1 March 2009	<b>14,832,015</b>	564,827	<b>15,396,842</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	<b>1,412,029</b>	3,193,280	<b>4,605,309</b>
Distribution to beneficiary	-	(561,877)	<b>(561,877)</b>
Transfer between funds	<b>884,722</b>	(884,722)	-
Balance at 28 February 2010	<b>17,128,766</b>	2,311,508	<b>19,440,274</b>

Indicative of this is the fact that the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has recognized the Southern African Wildlife College (SAWC) as a long standing conservation training NGO that has successfully followed its vision and mission to promote and train conservation skills in Southern Africa over the past 12 years. Many of the trainees are community members who are subsequently able to contribute to the socio economic benefit of local protected areas including Trans-frontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs). As a result, the department has recognized the SAWC as an approved project for Socio Economic Development purposes under the Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment Act 53 of 2003 and the Codes of Good Practice on Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment.

Another exciting development in 2010 was that the South African government has for the first time (in response to a DEA funded activity on skills planning) developed an environmental sector skills plan. This is largely due to the realization that environmental skills cut across a number of skills sectors which calls for such training. In line with the College's new business plan - 2010 being the first year of implementation - the SAWC is set to play a pivotal role in further improving the skills and knowledge needed for sustainable development.

Collaboration with conservation organisations beyond South Africa's borders is an essential element of the new business plan. The SAWC is proud to announce that during 2010 a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the SAWC and the Ministry of Agriculture in Mozambique.

### Training

The training programmes offered by the College cover the full spectrum of skills needed by field staff and managers of protected areas. The College now presents a Higher Certificate in Conservation Leadership and an Advanced Certificate in Trans-frontier Conservation Management. Certificates in Conservation are also available as Learnerships through the College. These programmes allow learners to achieve a qualification through a combination of training sessions and experiential learning in the workplace. Short terms training programmes include Skills Development Programmes for General Field Assistants and Field Rangers as well as a host of short courses in a wide range of environmentally related topics.

The College also offers customised educational programmes for international primary, secondary and tertiary education students who wish to expand their knowledge and experience in the field of conservation.

### General and Further Education

Training field staff is an essential element of the SAWC business plan, and the SAWC prides itself in keeping training material current. Thanks to funding from SACET, the SAWC has been in a position to update the curriculum of our Level 2 Conservation Qualification and General Assistant Skills Programmes.

The SAWC is also starting to work closely with the Southern African College of Tourism

and as a result the SAWC has submitted hospitality programmes to the Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Education and Training Authority (THETA) for approval. The SAWC hopes to start this training in 2011. Yet another training programme which is being developed thanks to SACET funding is the Field Guide course which is being submitted to THETA for registration. Kruger National Park Field Guides will undergo training against this programme from early 2011.

### Fundraising

SACET funded the appointment of a joint fundraiser for the SAWC and SACET in 2010. This position was formalised in the College's business plan and the SAWC for the first time is now in a position to work directly with donors and tailor make proposals that speaks to the interest of the donor. At the SACET Annual General Meeting, the trustees agreed to continue funding this essential position for 2011.

One of the biggest donors that signed a contract with the SAWC (thanks to an application by the Peace Parks Foundation) for 2010 -2012 is the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund (NLDTF). They will be funding 30 South African students to attend the SAWC each year during the contract period.

Other interesting news on the fundraising front is that the Professional Hunters Association of South Africa (PHASA) funded gala event raised over R2-million in 2010. Funds raised from this event, allows the training department of the SAWC to address skills development with the organisations that contribute to the event. Amongst others these include The Peace Parks Foundation, North West Parks and Tourism Board, SANParks, Malawi Parks and Wildlife, Kruger National Park, Swaziland National Trust Commission, the Ministry of Agriculture in Mozambique as well as the Timbavati and Klaserie Private Nature Reserves.

### Succeeding with SACET

The main aim of the Trust is to provide funding for the education and training in protected area management at the College. To date SACET has provided 19 scholarships to deserving students to continue their training at the Wildlife College.

This year (2010) SACET provided funding for three students to attend the Advanced Certificate Course in Trans-frontier Conservation Management (NQF Level 6). These students included James Mwanza from Great North Safaris Zambia; Lameck Mumba both from the Zambian Wildlife Authority and Kufandada Zhou from Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority. Trevor Silwamba and Richard Menyatswe from North West Parks and Tourism Board (co-sponsored by NLDTF) also took up their SACET scholarships awarded to them at the end of 2008.

All the SACET-sponsored students have performed extremely well having received over 86% for their mid-year academic results.