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TONGABEZI LODGE AND THE GREEN SAFARIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Next to operating Tongabezi Lodge, our Foundation supports a variety of projects. In everything we do, we aim to do it with the environment in mind. Sustainable building, supporting anti-poaching and animal research, eco-farming, education and creating jobs all with the smallest carbon footprint, minimal environmental impact, and maximum social benefits. During your visit to Tongabezi Lodge, we are proud to inform you on these projects and if you like to travel with a purpose, engage you even more!

Conservation

The **Tongabezi garden** is a veritable feast of organically fed and protected vegetables. Picked fresh early in the morning and prepared by our chefs for your dining delight. Next, we are in the early stages of a **reforestation** and regeneration project, involving the local Simonga and Sinde villages. Our aim is to help populate the villages with fruit and nut bearing trees, nitrogen-fixing trees for in the fields, and indigenous trees to help alleviate the effects of climate change.

Education

Check out the **Tongabezi Trust School (Tujatane community school)**, where over 300 students receive a free, holistic education and nutritious meals. Tujatane community school is very actively engaged in promoting environmentally friendly practices amongst students. The school has a gardening club for grades two to seven and the younger classes visit the Tongabezi gardens to learn how to care for a basic garden.

On any school day, Tujatane School (Tongabezi Trust School) welcomes guests of the lodges to see how much they are achieving for education in Zambia. Just let us know in advance, and one of the proud teachers will show you around. It is located just behind the hotel, 5 minutes' walk from the main building. Guests from Tongabezi can join us in making a difference for the students and teachers by packing much needed supplies like pens, books, posters and sports equipment when you come, or via donations.

Community Development

Staff members at Tongabezi Lodge have joined the **Aids Council of Zambia** and **Share**, an American funded public private partnership, in the global fight against HIV/AIDS. Our representative belongs to the committee that oversees HIV/AIDS related programs in the accommodation sector of the Livingstone's tourism industry. Two team members are peer educators.

Mukuni Community Farm is founded by Green Safaris Conservation Foundation together with HE Chief Mukuni and the NGO **By Life Connected**. The farm is fully sustainable, organic and has the long-term goal of providing fresh produce for the community and lodges in the area, while generating income for the local communities. When you stay at Tongabezi, many of the ingredients on your plate will be fresh from this farm, meaning a near to zero transport-related carbon emissions and positive promotion of sustainable livelihoods within the community.



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Guests are invited to visit the Mukuni farm and learn exactly how a community farm is managed.

In an effort to create an opportunity for entrepreneurship, food security and regular profits, Tongabezi has also started a large **chicken coop**. We rear the chicks to a happy large size, and sell them back for redistribution into the local food network. The profits from the sales go back into the project and will allow a new members of the team to start their own chicken coop with the profits, every couple of sale cycles. This will then be entirely their project to run and profit from.

Want to contribute?

Upon your arrival at Tongabezi, you have been handed out a durable water-bottle, as we want to avoid the use of single-use plastics. Should you decide to keep the bottle when you leave, you might appreciate that we charge 10 USD of which all proceeds are entirely dedicated to the abovementioned projects.

If you feel inclined to support our endeavours to empower the local communities and safeguard our surrounding nature even more, please donate to the Green Safaris Foundation Fund, as follows:

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If you want us to use the funds for something specific, be sure to mention this and we will direct your funds.

Warm regards,

The Tongabezi team and the Green Safaris Conservation Foundation Team