



MAGALIESBERG BIOSPHERE 2024 IMPACT REPORT

2024

**JANUARY-
DECEMBER**

A quick look at the Magaliesberg Biosphere NPC's work and impact in conservation, community and youth development.

**YEAR IN
REVIEW**

*Projects and
Programmes*

*Stakeholder
Engagements*

*Governance
and Finance*



Projects and Programmes

ACTIVITIES

DETAILS

OUTCOME/IMPACT

MAB Youth
Communications
Toolkit - regional
extension

Digital and visual
resources and training for
the Eswatini and Lesotho
MAB Youth Networks

- New expanded SDG content & maps
- 23 youth trained in Eswatini:
- Strengthened regional youth network
- Improved youth advocacy and agency

Be the Change -
Education for
Sustainable
Development

Interactive, hands-on
curriculum aligned
learning for primary
schools in the Cradle of
Humankind

- 4 activities for 420 learners
- Activity resources & support for schools
- 2 local young women trained & employed
- Heritage outreach for educators & learners
- Strengthened educator confidence
- Strengthened COH WHS curriculum engagement

Heritage
Documentation &
Protection

- Toppieshoek revival and Blue Plaque
- Oorzaak Koppie: High-risk site recorded

- National & international attention through MACH
- Preliminary mapping and assessment of Stone-walling & artefacts
- Stronger cultural landscape protection
- Community-expert collaboration
- Response to heritage threats

'WOW'
Whats in Our
Water ?

Citizen Science Water
Quality Monitoring

- 6 citizen scientists trained
- 11 monitoring sites across 6 river systems
- WaterCan supports kits and integration in the Map My Water national database
- Community-led water vigilance
- Monitoring polluted and clean river systems
- Baseline dataset for long-term trends
- Skill-building and advocacy for residents



Academic & Research

UP - MSc MB governance insights research completed
UJ - Undergraduate MB assignments
TUT - Ongoing MB Sacred Water Sites post-doc research
MACH -Heritage research

Strengthened governance through external research

Knowledge generation & youth involvement

Fostering cultural heritage, & culture nature links

Youth Network

Fun impactful activities arranged by the youth in the COH & Majakaneng

- International webinar presentation
 - Heritage Day Market participation
 - Archaeology field visit with UJ
 - Free youth day hike & clean-up
- Waste-to-treasure art day
Bee-awareness day

Heritage & resource learning

Circular economy awareness

Community-led sustainability

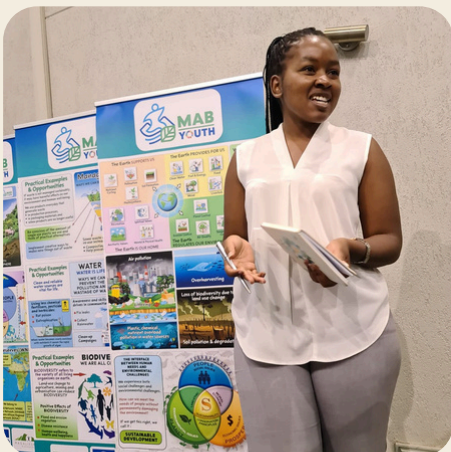
Youth leadership

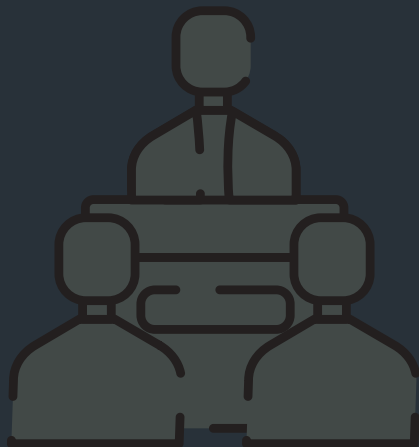
Stakeholder Engagement & Partnership

Community & Government

- 13 community engagements
- Active in 5 forums & committees
- EIA support, SDF reviews
- Advocacy against unregulated chrome washing
- 150+ educators reached at NWPTBs Environmental Educators camp

- High visibility of biosphere values
- Growing biosphere region network
- Stronger community social capital
- Greater environmental compliance pressure
- Active Education for sustainable development





2024 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

5 main funders for operations and projects

Revenue: R690,703

Expenses: R467,000

Surplus: R223,704

Retained income: R536,372

GOVERNANCE:

8 Board members

Board strategy review

9 strategic themes adopted

3-year Roadmap

Impact:

Strengthened governance & planning

Alignment with SDGs & KM-GBF


Improved organisational integrity


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