



Kuzuko cares – fast facts

Kuzuko Lodge, in conjunction with Legacy Hotels & Resorts, has taken up Dr Tan's challenge to make a positive impact on the land and within the surrounding communities. In so doing, the staff at Kuzuko has undertaken a number of initiatives.

In the community

- As far as possible all meat, dairy products and vegetables are sourced from local suppliers.
- Items in our curio shop have been produced by and bought from the communities in which we work.
- A nursing sister visits these communities once a month to ensure everyone has access to basic health care.
- During the clean up operations of the 22 farms which now form Kuzuko, local labour was used. Excluding the development of the lodge and staff village, R9 million went back into the community.
- All children of school going age have been enrolled in schools.
- During the construction of the fence, staff at the lodge made 22 000 meals, ensuring that every employee had a hot meal every day.
- To guarantee that the lodge exists in harmony with the local farming communities, Kuzuko Lodge has joined the local Farmers Association.
- Kuzuko Lodge supports a local farm school, supplying gas for hot water and petrol for transport.





- From 1 December the lodge will run a daycare center at the reserve for children of staff and from the community.
- A Kuzuko Trust has been registered with the aim of funding bursaries and local community development.
- A large percentage of the old fencing and old building materials which were removed from the reserve were given to the community to build houses and fence gardens. Through the recycling of these materials the lodge also sought to reduce its environmental footprint.
- An indigenous nursery was started in 2002 by collecting plants and seed from the reserve for use in establishing the gardens.

Caring for the environment

- During the construction phase, the team installed a 65km long fence which is electrified at 7000 volts powered entirely through solar panels.
- 20 tons of metal (tins, wire, old cars and trucks, old agriculture machinery) was removed from the veld.
- The protection of the species on the reserve is of great importance to our staff who have apprehended two poaches on the property.
- Only species endemic to this region of the country have been introduced at Kuzuko.
- In a bid to rehabilitate the land, 250 ha of alien vegetation has been cleared and 150 ha of endemic grass seed has been planted.
- Gabions have been built on approximately 25 ha of eroded area.

