



MIGRATION CORRIDOR INITIATIVE

Subject: It's time to talk about the elephant in the room

If We Don't Talk About It Now, We'll Lose It Forever

The truth is, nobody knows how many elephants are still roaming in the Knysna forest. Dense vegetation and elusive forest elephants make it hard for us to get an accurate count.

We know for sure that there is at least one. But could it be that there is only one?

A 2019 report by SANParks claims that there is only one elephant left in the area.

An old matriarch. Known to the locals and rangers as Oupoot. Imagine how Oupoot must feel? So lonely. As far as she knows, she's the last of her kind. Sneaking through the dense forest on paths only she knows. Looking for a familiar face. And never finding one.

This initiative is on a mission to change that. Our goal is to join the Garden of Eden with Addo Elephant Park, via the Baviaanskloof mega reserve.

This will allow animals to migrate between these three parks. And the lonely Oupoot will have a chance to reunite with her kin.

Thanks to your donations, we have been able to secure over 50 000 hectares as part of our corridor initiative. This is half our goal. We are aiming to secure 100 000 hectares of private and public land joining the three reserves.

Oupoot's Chances Are Running Out

Our main source of funding is our annual hike. A 30 day slack-packing trip through this ancient migration corridor we are trying to restore.

This hike brings in R200 000 that we use to secure and maintain the growth of this initiative.

Due to Covid-19, we had to cancel the hike. Our main source of funding is not coming through the doors. Putting Oupoot further away from the opportunity of holding onto another's tail as the herd migrates.

And this is why the animals we are fighting for need you now more than ever.

They deserve a chance to do what is essential for their survival. They deserve to migrate. And your donations can help make that a possibility.

We understand the difficulties we are all going through at the moment. So we don't ask this lightly. Any small amount helps.

R20 will take care of one hectare. The equivalent of the small change in the centre console of your car will get us closer to our goal.

Elephants First, Humans Next?

Habitat fragmentation is a large cause of the mass extinction we are currently living through. It is not enough to fence off an area and declare it a nature reserve.

Nature doesn't thrive in isolated pockets. In fact, it dies. Animals need to move, plants need to spread, and gene pools need to diversify. And if nature dies, humans die.

As the third most bio diverse country in the world, we have a duty to fulfil. It is our turn to take care of nature, as nature has taken care of us for millennia.

Will You Choose To Make A Change?

This initiative is on the frontline of this battle in South Africa. With your help, there will be no more lonely elephants.

And if we reach our goal soon, Oupoot will live to be part of a herd once again.

But Oupoot is old. She's at risk of dying from loneliness. So we need to act fast.

Click the button below to immediately make a difference. Oupoot is depending on you.

Help Oupoot Now