



Lukimbi proudly participates in a number of projects aimed at improving the sustainability of South Africa's people and environment.

Refuse

Weekly our refuse is taken for recycling, and our glass and tin items are sent to specialised recycling companies.

Reusable Drinking Bottles

Lukimbi implemented a reusable drinking bottle to reduce our plastic consumption, this allows us to give every guest staying with us a memento that they can continue to use long after their trip is over, and reduce our plastic bottle usage by at least 3x plastic bottles per guest per night.

Raised Walkways

The beautiful wooden walkways, which run from one side of the lodge to the other, reduce the amount of human and animal contact, which could be the cause of conflict. Animals can run underneath the walkway, and it is therefore far safer not only for guests and staff, but also for our animals. Another major factor is that the walkways also stop erosion by drastically reducing the amount of foot traffic on the natural grass and allowing rain water to follow its natural course.

LEDs

All lighting makes use of LED globes throughout the lodge, reducing the amount of electricity that is consumed.

Grey Water Recycling

Lukimbi utilises a reed bed system into which all our grey water is channelled and recycled and then used to water our extensive gardens.



Environmental Audits

Lukimbi has quarterly environmental audits by San Parks, as well as an external environmental specialist, which ensures that the pristine natural environment in which we operate, is protected at all times and our activities are not having a negative impact on our environment.

Staff

The majority of our staff are from the local community and they form 85% of our work force. Our local staff are part of a project that directly benefits from Lukimbi's operations, where staff are paid out dividends bi-annually from this project. Lukimbi likes to support our team and we have staff currently studying diplomas in tourism, which have been funded by the company.





Charity

Lukimbi is also a proud supporter of our local orphanage in Malelane, we have a number of guests that have donated items which we drop off at the orphanage, and we have also assisted in the replacement of the roofs of the kitchen and bedrooms.

Food Sourced Locally

Food is sourced locally, and only viable, fresh food sources and products are used.



Air conditioned solar control room, in a reconditioned container.

Solar Power

Our most recent and exciting project is the installation of an automated solar system with a massive 182 solar panels, to help take care of the lodge's electricity supply. This project was completed in August 2023.

So now, unless we have extended load-shedding, we can provide electricity for the entire lodge, all guests and staff.

This also helps the natural environment in a number of ways:

- We are using a sustainable energy source and one in great abundance in the area: the sunlight, so reducing our carbon footprint.
- Lukimbi reduces our load on Eskom's national electricity grid, and our impact on the use of fossil fuels, as a result.
- We reduce noise in the area, as we no longer depend nearly as much on back-up generators. Lukimbi also no longer needs to use as much fuel for these generators, either.
- The solar panels were placed in existing parking areas and serve as shade for our guest, lodge and staff vehicles, so there is less impact on the land. This strategy also ensures efficient use of the available area.

