



2010: We were a founder member and played a significant role in the establishment of the Centre for Environmental Rights.

2011: We were appointed as an Institute of Sectoral or Occupational Excellence by the Local Government Skills Education Training Authority.

2012 : We became a major partner in the SANBI Groen Sebenza Jobs Fund Programme - a pilot programme aimed at developing skills in the biodiversity sector in order to help create sustainable job opportunities for 800 unemployed graduates and matriculants.

2013: We launched the three year DEA-funded Youth Environmental Services Training Programme in the Western Cape, giving 300 youths a structured mentorship programme, as well as a chance to gain practical experience in the environmental sector.

2014: The SADC Regional Environmental Education Programme, implemented by us, was selected by UNESCO as one of the five most significant Sustainable Development projects in Africa.

2015: Our Eco-Schools Water Project, in partnership with the Department of Water and Sanitation, won the 'Water for Life' UN Water Best Practices Award for its contribution to sustainable long-term management of water resources.

2016: We introduced the international Green Key eco-label for tourism establishments demonstrating environmental responsibility and sustainable operations.

We hosted the annual international Eco-Schools conference in Johannesburg.

We launched the three year Tourism Blue Flag coastal tourism and youth development project in partnership with the National Department of Tourism.

Since 2007 our office at Umgeni Valley Nature Reserve has been recognised by the United Nations University as a Regional Centre of Expertise in the field of Education for Sustainable Development.

We led a campaign to have the Eastern Shores of Lake St Lucia included in the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park. Today it is a World Heritage site.

We started one of the first environmental education projects in South Africa.

We were a founder member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, one of only two founder members from Africa.

We helped establish the Addo Elephant Park, and were also involved in the campaign to enlarge the park in 2002.

We successfully campaigned for the proclamation of the Kruger National Park.

After surveying the Transkei coast in the late '70s, we made recommendations for its conservation, and also pioneered the first public hiking trails along the coastline.

We successfully campaigned against the mining of the Eastern Shores of St Lucia and protected the Mapelane Dune Forest from destruction by mining.

1980: We produced the first Environmental Conservation Strategy for South Africa, the first NGO in the world to do so.

1985: We pioneered the "Friends Scheme", which encouraged volunteer groups to conserve local areas.

We took over the running of the world-famous Twinstreams project in KwaZulu-Natal from Dr Ian Garland.

Our Howick office, in KwaZulu-Natal, was selected from all the applicants from the 14 member states of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to create a regional SADC office in order to promote environmental education throughout the region.

South Africa, through us, became the first country outside of Europe to run the international Blue Flag programme.

We initiated the international Eco-Schools programme in South Africa.