LEAVE A LIVING LEGACY

A guide to leaving a bequest to WESSA (the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa)

WESSA implements effective environmental, ecotourism, education and youth development programmes throughout South Africa, and activates a wide range of local initiatives for the environment through its membership network. We improve the school curriculum through education for sustainable development and provide critical work skills training, which creates job opportunities and sustainable livelihoods in local communities. Our environmental initiatives contribute towards the restoration of ecosystems, while our ecolabels support tourism growth and development by encouraging responsible tourism practices and the improved management of our coastline.

In addition to being the appointed operator in South Africa for five FEE (Foundation for Environmental Education) programmes, we are a founder member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and, as a UNESCO partner, we are supporting education for sustainable development across the southern African region.

As an NGO, we depend on funding from individuals and businesses to make possible the work we do.

WESSA’s decades of involvement in conservation and environmental issues have been made possible by concerned people who have supported WESSA financially as well giving of their time and expertise to help create a better future for all of us.

Making a bequest to WESSA requires no special skills, very little time and no upfront payments. Even small bequests play a vital role in helping us to continue ‘Caring for the Earth’ and are very much appreciated.

Please consult your attorney, accountant, or financial advisor to draw up a plan that takes your personal wishes, tax situation and estate details into consideration.

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Unrestricted gifts allow us more flexibility in dealing with environmental priorities. Below are some examples of options you might like to consider.

- **A Specific Sum**: This is the simplest form of bequest. However, it does not allow for inflation or charges within your estate.
- **A Residual**: After making provision for your family and friends, you may wish to leave the unallocated portion of your estate to WESSA.
- **A Percentage**: Often it is difficult to predict the final value of your estate. By giving a percentage of the total, rather than a fixed amount, you can be sure that all your beneficiaries will receive the stipulated share.
- **A Gift of Real Estate or Property**: This may be made outright, or you can arrange for the property to pass on to WESSA after the death of another beneficiary, such as your spouse.
- **An Assurance or Endowment Policy**: Often an insurance policy taken out years ago loses its relevance as you get older. Such a policy may be ceded to WESSA as the beneficiary.

If you already have a will it is easy to add a codicil (see opposite page) which names WESSA (the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa) as a beneficiary.

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBERS
Reg No. 1933/004658/08 (Incorporated Association not for gain)
Registration Number in Terms of the
Non Profit Organisation Act 1997: 000–716NPO
Tax Exemption Number: 18/11/13/1903
SUGGESTED CODICIL

This codicil forms an integral part of the will of

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and

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I/we the undersigned:

(Testator)

and/or

(Testatrix)

do hereby bequeath the following to WESSA (the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa).

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This done and signed

at____________________________ on this __________

day of ______________ 20__________________
in the presence of undersigned witnesses.

WITNESSES:

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