



TSWALU
FOUNDATION



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T SWALU KALAHARI IS SOUTH AFRICA'S LARGEST PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

spanning over 1000 square kilometres and is owned by the well-known Oppenheimer family. The Tswalu Foundation was created in 2008 as a result of the forward thinking of Jonathan Oppenheimer and his love and interest in the Kalahari. His vision for the Foundation is to develop a platform upon which local and international visitors can contribute and become involved in community and environmental research on the reserve.

Through the Foundation we encourage visitors to Tswalu Kalahari and individuals interested in the Kalahari to make a donation towards research projects on the reserve and the surrounding area. The Foundation creates the mechanism to either make a contribution to an existing research project or to suggest and fund specific research in areas of particular interest to the funder. The Foundation will provide financial support to students and researchers to develop long term research and monitoring programs on the reserve, thus contributing to the conservation and a greater understanding of the Kalahari.

Tswalu Kalahari acts as a major contributor to conservation of species and ecosystems in the Northern Cape, conserving numerous rare and endangered species. The reserve has a strong conservation ethic and numerous research projects have been sanctioned by the Oppenheimer family. These projects range from insects through to rhino and contribute to the reserve managements understanding of the uniqueness, complexity and diversity of this wonderful, arid land. Understanding the relationships and connectivity of ecosystems is one of the major challenges in modern ecology. Although Tswalu Kalahari and the Oppenheimer family have supported a number of research projects in the past, it became evident that a vessel was required to ensure that more researchers were afforded the opportunity to study this unique land. We invite you to become involved and play your part in the conservation of this exceptional ecosystem.

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