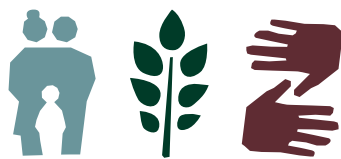




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UKUVUNA HARVEST

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**Ukuvuna is dedicated to the implementation
of optimised sustainable projects within
Southern African communities.**

**Focus is on practical skills for water management
and diversified food systems.**

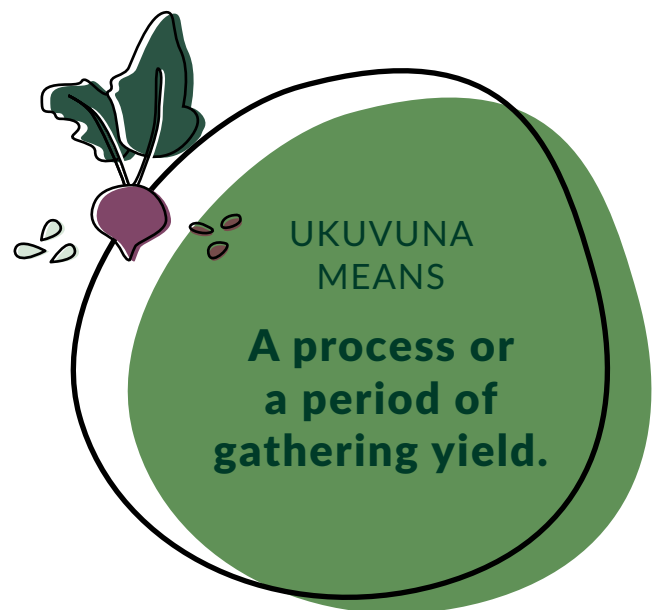
OUR PURPOSE

To facilitate processes that enable farmers, individuals, families and communities to improve their quality of life in harmony with nature.

OUR MISSION

To create exceptional, replicable models of sustainable food and biodiversity management practices.

To empower communities with food sovereignty and earth-care management tools in order to create resilience, stewardship and to foster peace.

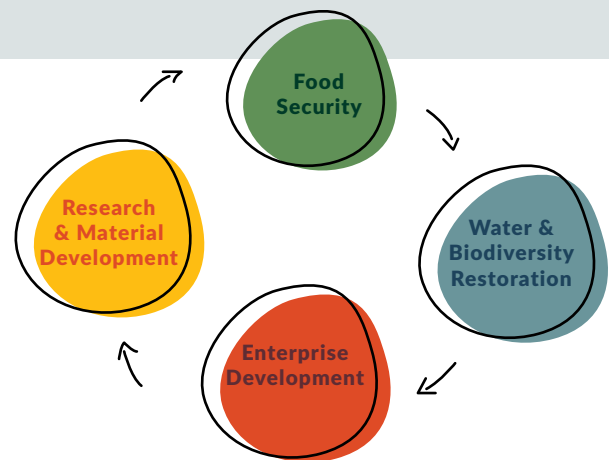


Established in 2005 as a Not for Profit company, Ukuvuna is a response to the demand for Southern African communities, both urban and rural, to diversify livelihood programs towards climate adaptation.

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WHAT WE DO

Ukuvuna focuses on four basic programs:



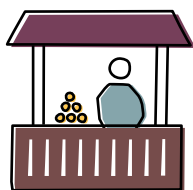
Food Security

We promote sustainable food security systems at household levels to produce small grains, fruits, vegetables, small livestock, nuts and pulses. This encourages healthy eating and wellbeing.



Water & Biodiversity Restoration

We promote awareness of climate change, afforestation, wetland management, indigenous food production, restoration of edible insects and other important topics. We encourage the revival of traditional African seeds, awareness of seed politics and systems and plant propagation.



Enterprise Development

We facilitate entrepreneurship and skills development, the promotion of LETS (Local Employment Trading System), ISALS (Internal Saving and Landing Schemes), and promote local economy systems for food producers, savings clubs and local banking systems.



Research and Material Development

We engage farmers and interns with active research by partnering with local and international learning institutions.

HOW WE WORK

Our approach is participatory!

We transform both rural and urban communities by networking individuals, families and groups. Those who know, teach. We work and grow together.



Our community engagement begins with dialogue to establish a mutual understanding of the past, present, and future. This dialogue helps us to establish community leaders.

We create partnerships with government, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and private companies to actively engage in the transformation process.



Ukuvuna's key approach is to identify innovative families (small farmers) in order to establish and develop nodes.

These nodes are key to our success.

NODES

We define a node as a group of people, households or farmers who are implementing livelihood interventions and climate change adaptation. The node system is a design for sustainable lifestyles, self-help, job creation and poverty alleviation in order to create a regenerative livelihood system.

The process involves:

- ✔ Consultative engagement with local leadership
- ✔ Dialogue on past and present issues
- ✔ Dialogue on shared learnings of diversified livelihood models
- ✔ Creative interaction between indigenous knowledge systems (IKS) and modern technologies
- ✔ Awareness on gender, climate change and HIV/AIDS
- ✔ The promotion of healthy and wealthy systems for families
- ✔ Regenerative nodes creating other nodes
- ✔ Tailor-making participative monitoring, evaluation, review and learning systems

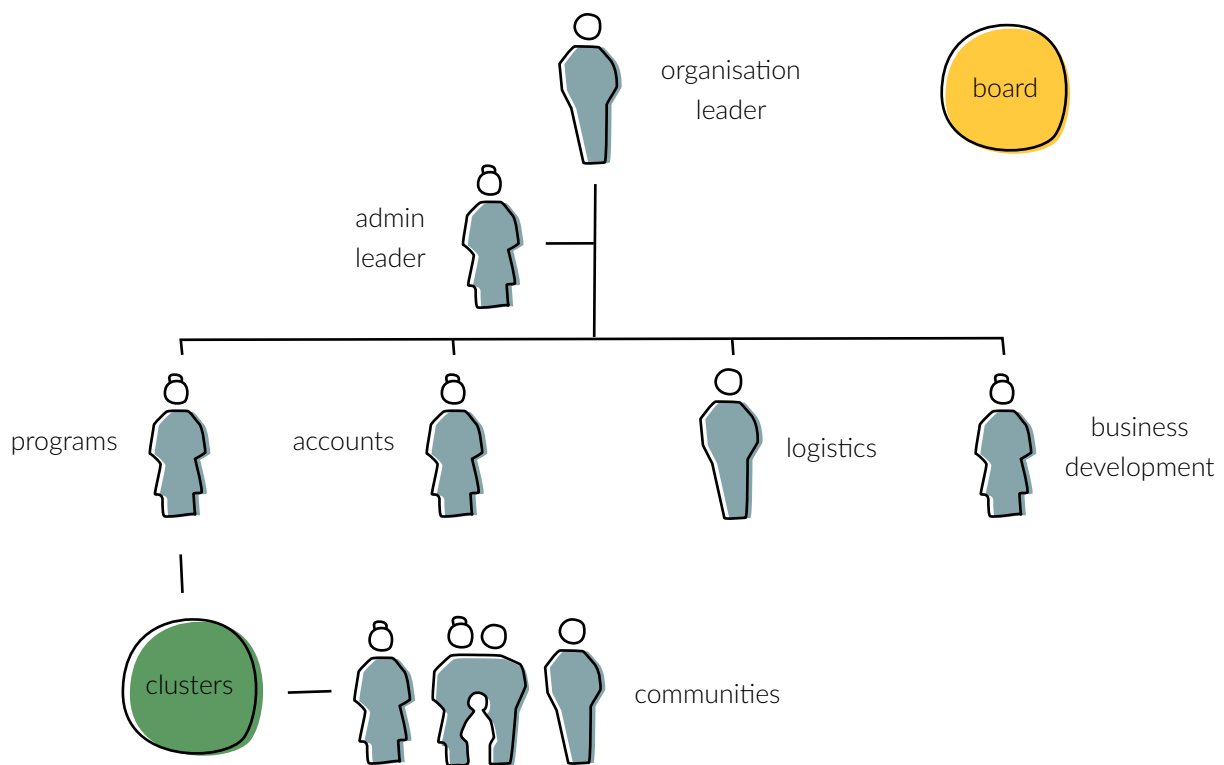


CLUSTERS

Ukuvuna's cluster management system is the process that brings regenerative nodes together to create a "Cluster" or "incubator".

Clusters are headed up by Cluster Leaders who are typically innovators, champions or simply people who have the necessary strengths to manage the environment, and are producing their own food and energy to generate an income.

Ukuvuna identifies any skills gaps and capacity building programs are initiated. Tailor-made participative monitoring systems are then set up along with evaluation, review and learning systems.



Ukuvuna's community cluster system. Cluster leaders are selected by the community.

At Ukuvuna the aim is to establish an entrepreneurial system that is **ecologically sound, economically profitable and socially caring**, for now and the future.

PERMACULTURE

Permaculture = permanent agriculture. It is essential to Ukuvuna's mission.

Permaculture may be defined as

“ ... the conscious design and maintenance of cultivated ecosystems which have the diversity, stability and resilience of natural ecosystems. ”

BILL MOLLISON
AND DAVID HOLMGREN

ETHICS OF PERMACULTURE



Earth Care

Looking after the Earth and everything that lives on it will ensure it will look after us. This is why we all need to create and reach meaningful **Landscape Goals**.



People Care

Ubuntu comes from the basic and powerful principle that we need to look after each other. This is why we all need to create and reach meaningful **Quality of Life** goals.



Fair Share

We only take what we need and ensure that others too may live healthy and prosperous lives. Produce surplus and distribute ethically. This is why we all need to create and reach meaningful **Means of Production** goals.

Today, permaculture principles are being applied all around the world to create sustainable designs for human settlements and agricultural production.

Permaculture is about establishing self-sustaining productive agricultural ecosystems that mimic and work with, rather than against, nature in order to remain abundant. This harmonious integration provides people with food and other basic needs while replenishing and nourishing natural resources.

In Southern Africa, where land degradation and recurring droughts jeopardise food security and water supply for most households, permaculture provides low-cost, production-enhancing techniques that help build food, water and energy self-sufficiency, as well as income generation towards poverty alleviation.

PROGRAMS AND COURSES

Education is at the heart of Ukuvuna. Our initiative is built on the idea of spreading knowledge so it may in turn spread further.

We offer education and courses at the Ukuvuna training centre as well as off-site. These include:

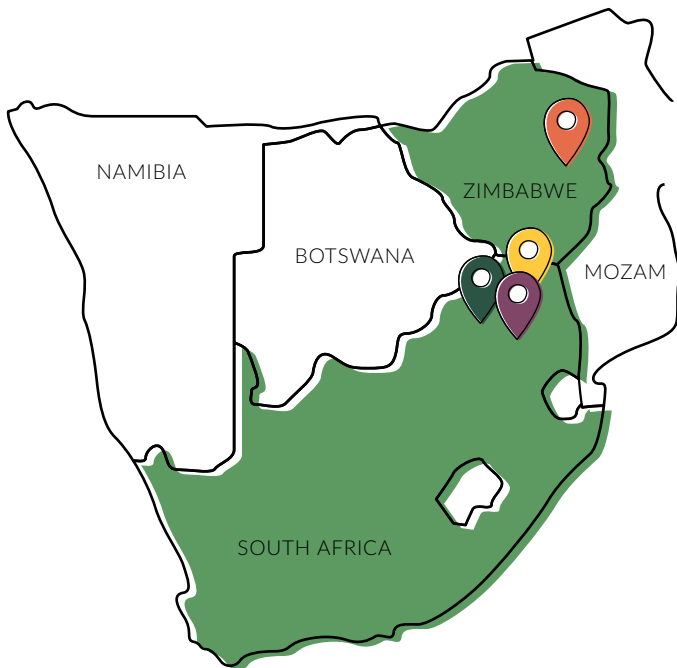
- ✔ Half day Eco-garden tour
- ✔ Full day Permaculture overview
- ✔ 5 day intro to Permaculture design
- ✔ Permaculture Design Course (PDC)
(6 months theory and practise)
- ✔ 1 year certificate
- ✔ 2 year diploma

We also offer a variety of other training courses in:

- ✔ Crop and vegetable production
- ✔ Seed issues: Traditional seed production and saving, seed laws etc.
- ✔ Basic primary health care
- ✔ Nutrition, HIV/AIDS, herbs & medicine
- ✔ Natural soil improvement and fertilisers
- ✔ Biodiversity conservation and community based natural resource management
- ✔ Healthy ways of managing pests and diseases
- ✔ Climate change; adaptation & mitigation
- ✔ Appropriate natural energy saving techniques
- ✔ Waste management and recycling
- ✔ Entrepreneurship and project management



WHERE WE OPERATE



Makoni

Kanyangira
Toto
Nyakujara
Mahuku
Mavhowani
Tekede
Masara
Gutuza
Chiware
Gunda



Capricorn

Makweng
Rama
Mokushoneng
Dithabaneng
Rakgoatha
(Rama)
Rakgoatha
Mapatlakeng
Madishaditoro



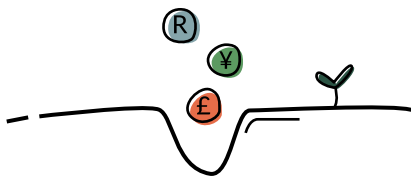
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Vhembe

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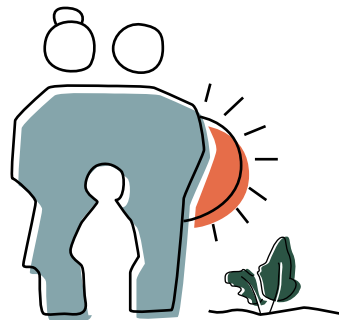


What can I do to help?

As a non-profit organisation we rely on donations and participation from communities.

Contact us about getting involved and spreading the idea of Permaculture and sustainable agriculture.





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