



## PROJECT:

# Search for Sustainable Schools: South Africa



**Implementing entity:**  
African Conservation Trust



**Project partners:**  
Department of Environmental  
Affairs, Republic of South Africa



**Amount:**  
USD100,855



**Duration:**  
20 months



## Project objective:

Building on the existing networks of sustainable schools, the project aims to support at least 20 schools in South Africa to become active and engaged around sustainability issues; to award 7 best-performing schools with funding to implement their sustainability work plans; and to share knowledge and best practices at a regional and global levels.

## Project status: On-going

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66 in-person trainings to cover a variety of sustainability topics such as climate change, solar power, water efficiency, etc. have been organized for 25 schools.

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Following the training and guidance, schools are undertaking a variety of activities that they are recording and documenting through photographs and narrative reports.

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Following the open search for sustainable schools to enable the up scaling of schools' sustainability actions, 7 schools were selected for funding. Remaining 18 schools continue to receive guidance and support for their on-going sustainability activities.

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7 schools selected have a history of environmental education and were able to demonstrate commitment to sustainability through years of action.

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Regional exchange workshop for Africa took place in the last quarter of 2019. Delegate from Namibia and Uganda that are also implementing national searches attended the exchange. During the exchange best practices and implementation ideas were discussed with the support of environmental education experts; and 3 schools were visited for hands-on learning experience.

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Examples of activities undertaken by schools are safe-guarding and rehabilitating a wetland within the school; banning plastic outright; rainwater harvesting; growing own organic food and selling surplus to local markets.