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The Umbabat PNR is a reserve of nearly 18,000 hectares and comprises a combination of share block and farm entities. It is managed on a federal-based system and is in the process of consolidation under the requirements of the NEMPA Act to a private nature reserve with a single constitution.

The reserve is currently managed on a shared basis for purposes of common expenses and common conservation requirements. Each separate entity also has its own budget for managing the specific requirements of the landowner(s).

The Umbabat federal entity spends nearly 52% of its funds on security and anti-poaching measures, whilst nearly 7% is earmarked for general maintenance and administrative purposes. The reserve also spends nearly R1,2 million on wardenship and conservation needs including aerial animal census, veterinary fees, rhino data, elephant management, ARC surveys, buffalo survey, predator census, etc. Furthermore, across the Umbabat the different entities contribute more than a million rand annually to community and staff-related needs. This includes bursaries at artisans and skills training centres as well as for personal development and advancement. There are also internships offered as well as training courses on IT equipment, guide and tracking, social media, etc. Local sports development is promoted through sponsorship of soccer and providing kit. The reserve through its members contribute widely to stationery, school uniforms and library facilities for school children as well as to foundations for local community education. Furthermore first-aid training is conducted as well as firefighting training, health and safety promotion and extensive programs for children during school holidays to promote conservation education

The Umbabat Federal Management is funded through levy contributions from tourism, land and home owners to the tune of between 68% and 78% of funds required. Sponsorship contribution is in the order of 5% of the total, while income from sustainable offtake activities (hunting) contributes between 20% and 30% annually.

On an individual property level (farms and shareblocks) the members of the Umbabat employs nearly 200 employees and nearly 55% of the landowner budget is for this purpose. Those entities also employ seasonal and temporary workers from the local community for activities such as bush clearing and thinning, flood restoration, alien vegetation control, tree protection, spa treatments, wood provision and road maintenance. From the reserve there is a continuous contribution of equipment to promote job creation (including training) in the local community, including drill press, welders, compressors and automobile related tools.

The Umbabat also has a commercial tourism operation that is highly regarded in tourism circles and is accredited by the Fair-Trade Tourism. Motswari has achieved Green Globe Certification in terms of its tourism compliance criteria.

The Umbabat also contributes nearly R1 million annually for municipal fees.

The Umbabat members properties undergoes extensive and ongoing maintenance. The procurement costs in this regard amount to more than R15 million per year. This includes local suppliers of gas installations, electricians, waste recycling, vehicle maintenance, builders and hardware, solar systems, air conditioning systems, etc.

The above procurement excludes the continuous building and maintenance activities by the individual home-owners within the specific properties. The same homeowners also make a huge contribution to local consumer goods providers. Numerous visits take place annually to the Umbabat by these owners and their guests, and they stock up locally thus making a significant economic contribution to the region.