



CapeNature receives generous donation from Red Rock Films International

PENGUIN SHORE – an in-depth six-part series charting the lives of Cape Town's iconic endangered African penguins was filmed at CapeNature's Stony Point penguin colony recently.

This global series has been produced in partnership with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds, South African National Parks, CapeNature and the City of Cape Town. It offers an opportunity to raise awareness for this iconic and endangered species at a critical moment in its history and to draw international attention to the efforts being taken to protect and conserve the African penguin. The six-part series will be broadcasted on the global streaming platform Netflix and will be available in over 190 countries.

Conservation efforts in preserving the African penguins received a thoughtful gesture from Red Rock Films with a donation of R15 000. It will contribute towards co-ordinating the various conservation initiatives aimed at the recovery of the species at the colony and will be a fitting legacy for the project.

Red Rock Films is headquartered in Washington D.C. with offices in South Africa and Scandinavia. We wish them all the best with the final leg of production and look forward to welcoming them back into our reserves in future.



PHOTO: Cuan McGeorge

World Ranger Day | 31 JULY

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR FIELD RANGERS!



World Ranger Day is celebrated on 31 July each year to acknowledge the vital role that Field Rangers play in protecting our natural heritage. The day also marks the commemoration of rangers killed or injured in the line of duty.

Field Rangers are the backbone of all the on-the-ground work that is done in any nature reserve. They assist conservation managers with all aspects of reserve management including ecological monitoring, firefighting, tour guiding, environmental education and awareness, project implementation and monitoring, invasive species control and law enforcement.

In the build up to World Ranger Day, CapeNature's rangers brought the public critical conservation messages through a series of radio interviews that included interesting topics such as invasive species control and illegal harvesting. A free webinar was also hosted to bring the work done by rangers to the forefront of conservation.

This World Ranger Day, CapeNature would like to thank and acknowledge all Field Rangers for their ongoing service. We pause for a moment to reflect on the sacrifice made by rangers across the world to protect the planet's natural treasures and cultural heritage.

US Wildlife agency lauds SA Advocate for bringing plant trafficker to book

THE US FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCY lauded Advocate Aradhana Heeramun for her role in prosecuting and extraditing a known international trafficker. CapeNature officials played a pivotal role in apprehending South Korean, Byungsu Kim and a co-accused.

The two Korean foreign nationals were convicted in the Cape Town Regional Court on 28 January 2020 for the illegal possession and picking of 2018 succulents. Byungsu Kim and Young IL Sunwo were sentenced to six years imprisonment, suspended for five years, and to a further fine of R2 500 000 each. CapeNature has received R2 million of the fine money to further the entity's conservation efforts.

Heeramun says that "each of the roleplayers are equally passionate about their work and went beyond the call of duty to ensure that they did what needed to be done." The conviction sends a strong message to criminals that international authorities will work together to collectively fight against biodiversity crime. Byungsu Kim will be extradited to the USA for similar offences of illegal flora picking in California.



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