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Positive Impacts of Ecotourism in Protected Areas

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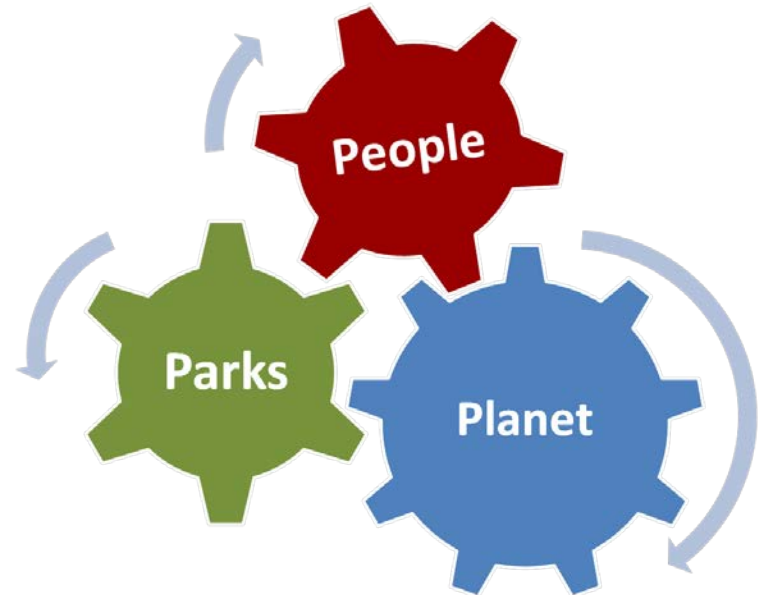
TAPAS GROUP

Tourism and Protected Areas Specialist Group

Ecotourism

The Three Pillars

- 🌿 Conservation of local environment
- 🌿 Support of local human community
- 🌿 Education of tourists



Guludo Beach Resort Mozambique, Africa Quirimbas National Park

- *A sustainable business and sister organization restoring hope and rebuilding communities in Africa.*



Guludo Beach Resort

- Involved in Water Point Rehabilitation Project-provided access to clean water for 20,000 people
- Provide household training in nutrition, Malaria, HIV, hygiene, and sanitation



Guludo Beach Resort

- Provide daily school meals to 900 malnourished children
- Secondary school scholarships for 130 scholars/construction of 2 primary schools
- Donate 5% of all resort revenue to Nema Foundation



Chiawa Camp & Old Mondoro

Lower Zambezi National Park - Zambia

Floodplains, grasslands, and tall forests support exceptional wildlife densities and a local population dedicated to their maintenance and empowered by tourist revenues.



Chiawa Camp & Old Mondoro

- Protecting biodiversity and wildlife by providing personnel to the effort
- Intelligence gathering and strategy planning for law enforcement
- Logistic support for cheetah re-population program and anti-poaching activity
- Environmental education program
- Support to the Wild Dog Conservation Program

Empowering local stakeholders through education and employment to protect their heritage.

Zambians stand up
to protect our
natural heritage
stop mining - save
Zambezi nature

Pimachiowin Aki
“The Land Which Gives Life” in Ojibwe
Manitoba, Canada
Five First People’s lands Manitoba and Ontario



PIMACHIOWIN AKI

WORLD HERITAGE PROJECT

The Land that Gives Life

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“The Northern Lungs of the Earth”

Pimachiowin Aki

Where each place is known, understood, and named

Stories, spiritual practices, ceremonies, ancient rock paintings, sacred sites, hunting and fishing camps, actively used trails, waterways and portages

The unique Anishinaabe culture attests to the continuity of protective association with the land and its wild inhabitants

Pimachiowin Aki

- Green initiatives which tourists may learn
- The Anishinaabeg modify the landscape to sustain their lives and culture, while also sustaining the boreal shield ecosystem. The Anishinaabeg and the land are inseparable.
- They hunt animals such as moose, trap boreal furbearers
- Fish the rivers and lakes, gather or cultivate native plants such as manomin (wild rice) and create new livelihood opportunities that provide for continuity of their Indigenous relationship to the land.



Pimachiowin Aki

World Heritage Nomination

UNESCO commended the "exemplary efforts to develop a nomination that will protect, maintain and restore the significant cultural and natural assets and values"

These five First Nations peoples believe this designation could mean more visitors and tourists from all over the world learning from their stewardship and skills and more say over how the land is protected and managed for the future

Prosperity for the community through visitor education programs and facilities, accommodations and food services for visitors, more jobs for tour guides, fishing guides, and First Nations artists

An aerial photograph of a dense, vibrant green rainforest. In the lower-left quadrant, a small, irregularly shaped swimming pool with bright blue water is visible, surrounded by a light-colored sandy or paved area. To the right of the pool, a series of small, thatched-roof buildings are nestled within the forest canopy, connected by a narrow path. The forest is composed of a variety of trees, including palm trees, creating a rich, textured green landscape.

Lapa Rios

Ecolodge and Wildlife Preserve

“A standing rainforest is more valuable than one cut down.”

Lapa Rios

- Preserves rainforest canopy over roads as monkey bridges
- Limited and supervised use of trails
- Volunteer reforestation project
- Abuts national park and extends the migratory habitat



The Wildcat Conservation Project

To determine current status
of endangered wildcat
populations





Lapa Rios

- Erosion control design
- No live trees cut for construction
- 25000 suita palms for future roof thatch
- First glass and plastic recycling in area
- Solar heated water

Lapa Rios

- Hiring only locals
- Building schools for community children
- Environment education trips for schoolchildren
- Supporting local artists and tours



Ecoventura, Galápagos Islands Ecuador

Protecting the Galápagos Islands through
tourism



Ecoventura

- Helping the local community through Pack for a Purpose and Drops of Hope Foundation
- Reducing carbon emissions through installation of alternative energy sources and carbon offsetting
- Smart Voyager ecological certification since 2000 & Rainforest Alliance Verified



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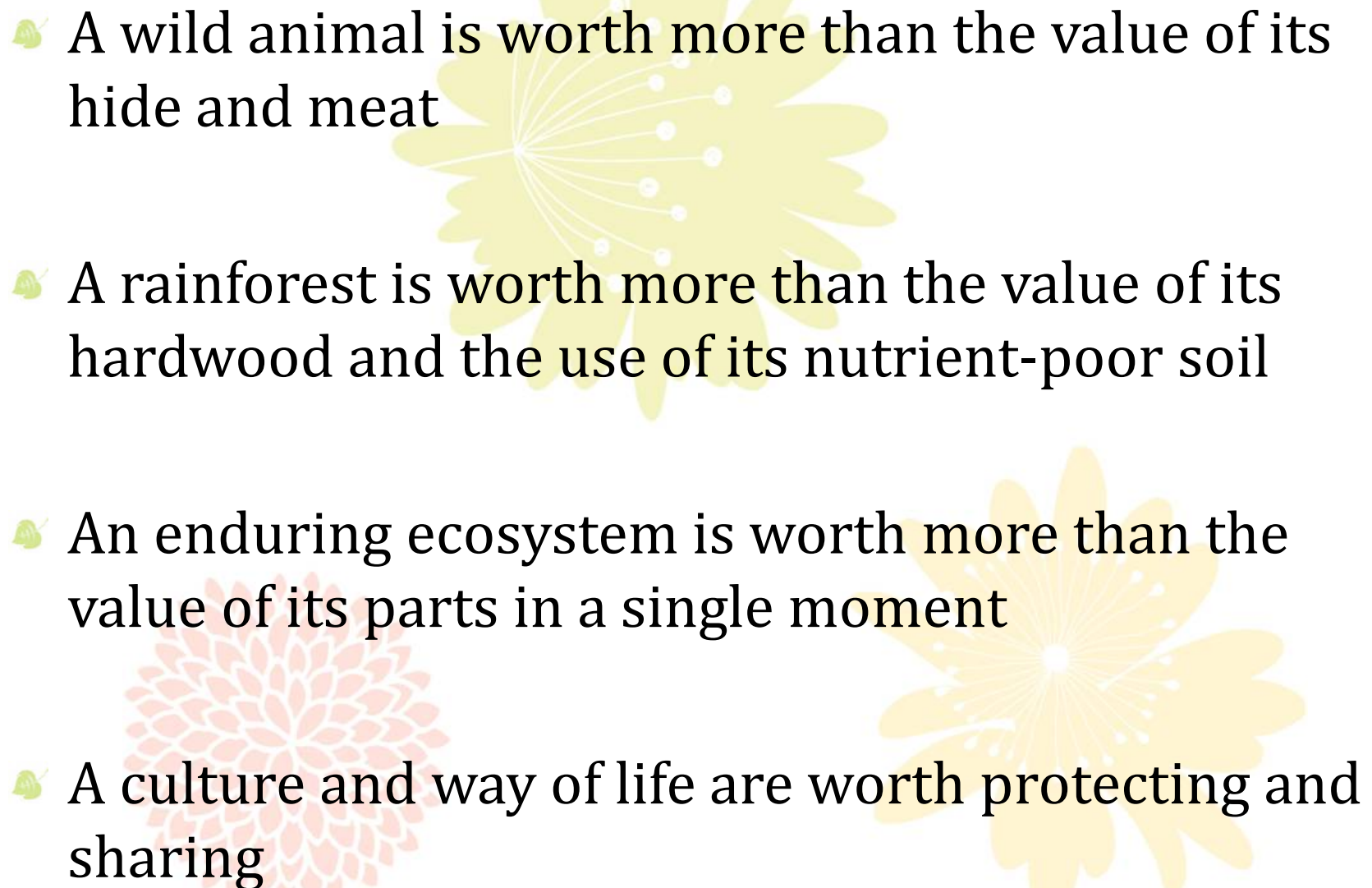
- Sponsoring local high school students through a field course with The Ecology Project and offering four EPI students a one week cruise with a career shadowing program.

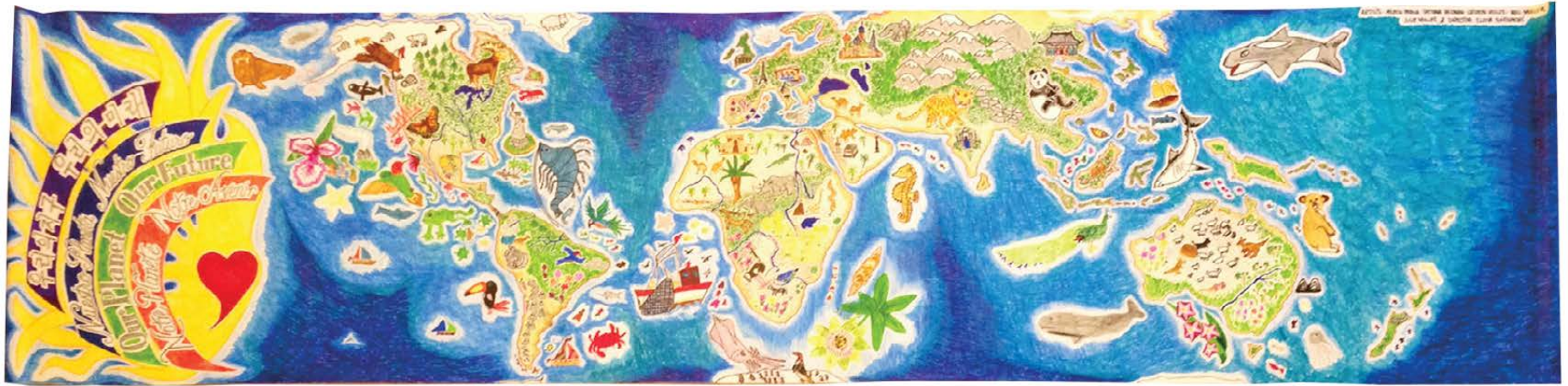


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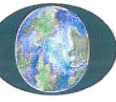
- Establishing the Galapagos Marine Biodiversity Fund to support environmental education and marine conservation providing scholarships at the university level, helping to control illegal fishing activities



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- ❧ A wild animal is worth more than the value of its hide and meat
 - ❧ A rainforest is worth more than the value of its hardwood and the use of its nutrient-poor soil
 - ❧ An enduring ecosystem is worth more than the value of its parts in a single moment
 - ❧ A culture and way of life are worth protecting and sharing



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