



CORPORATE CONTRIBUTION TO CONSERVATION AWARD - INDIVIDUAL

Sue Downie and Lucky Mavradonis

With more than 30 years of voluntary involvement in conservation, the winners of our corporate contribution to conservation award are pharmacists by profession, and have dedicated themselves more specifically to the cause of the black rhino.

Sue Downie and Lucky Mavradonis have been raising funds for various projects involving our National Parks. The most publicized effort, televised by 50/50, was the translocation of the black rhino cow, Shibula, from Lisbon Zoo in Portugal to Auwabies Falls National Park, for which the transportation costs were donated by Sue and Lucky from funds they had raised with the David Shepard Wildlife Foundation.

They have also raised funds for land purchases to expand Auwabies Falls National Park and Mountain Zebra National Park.

Aside from their financial contributions, Sue and Lucky have been personally involved in monitoring black rhino, which started with their monitoring of Shibula. Now, seven years later, they monitor black rhino across the National Parks and have just completed their 70th monitoring trip. This translated into the publication in 2007 of "Focus on Rhino", a summary of their monitoring expeditions. Recently retired from business, Sue and Lucky still continue their voluntary work towards the environment and conservation in South Africa.



Sue Downie and Lucky Mavradonis pictured with Surprise Mlambo at Mountain Zebra National Park