

CHIEF EXECUTIVE AWARDS Winners

1. There are Nine Winners in the category Excellent Performance in the Workplace and they are:

LAURA MUKWEVHU

- For executing her work beyond the call of duty in handling an average of 30 complaints per month above her internal communication responsibilities. Kruger National Park is in Go Wild magazine every month and more often on Newsflash. She is also Kruger's resident graphic designer, as every invitation and programme does not go out without passing her hands.

JEREMIAH NDABA

- Although tasked with general routine maintenance responsibilities, he has used his academic qualifications in the commerce and administrative field to add value to the Maintenance Section's administrative functions. He has successfully coordinated the implementation of the innovative new safety and security identification access cards for Groenkloof staff, also ensured that 48 new 'Kudu Kop' vehicle access disks have been issued to Groenkloof staff, and coordinated the nomination and election process for the Groenkloof OHS.

CHRISTINE du PLESSIS

- Although alone in the People & Conservation division, she has managed to run the division's functions efficiently. In partnership with the department of Education, she has successfully held the first Summer School for grade 10 learners in the park, with regards to career opportunities in the environmental field. She also succeeded in increasing the figures for learners as well as adult park visits to 60%.

MPHO CEDRIC SETLHAKO

- For his enthusiasm and expertise in the communication to guest to guests of the cultural heritage component of the Mapungubwe National Park

STEFAN CILLIERS

- For his exceptional performance in securing the area integrity of the park. He has through his work assisted the government in the arrests of the most sought after Gauteng criminals and retrieval of stolen weapons.

SHELDON MATTHYS

- For his contribution to environmental education and tourism functions over and above his work in the Namaqua National Park. Although tasked with general field ranger work, he performs beyond what is required for his designation, in terms of decision making, problem solving, leadership and assuming responsibility.

WILLEM SHONGWANE

- For his contribution to the re-mapping of the 4 by 4 eco-trail.

MARIONETTE PRINSLOO

- For her efficiency as a human resource officer in Wilderness section of Garden Route National Park, her commitment towards ensuring that wellness is addressed and has also managed to convince various service providers to provide training free of charge in free spa treatment, sessions, free financial training and free workshops on HIV and AIDS.

MARIAM ROBSON

- For executing her work beyond the call of duty.
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2. The WINNERS in category Best Performing Camp are:

MOUNTAIN ZEBRA REST CAMP

- For having increased unit occupancies and game drive seats sold, while exceeding budget on accommodation income and camping income and for having achieved 95% positive responses the visitors' book.

URIKARUUS WILDERNESS CAMP

- For having increased unit occupancies from 92% to 95%, while consistently offering a tourism product which combines quality to the guest and sensitivity to the environment.
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3. The WINNER in category Best Performing Park is:

WILDERNESS NATIONAL PARK

- For executing the core functions of conservation, tourism and constituency building, underpinned by excellent financial and human resource management.

The MERIT AWARD WINNER in category Best Performing Park is:

TABLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

- For having achieved great strides in stakeholder management and in the rehabilitation and restoration of Table Mountain, while generating a financial surplus of R20 million.
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4. There are FOUR WINNERS in category Best Customer Service and they are:

JAMPOLO MOSEA

- For his consistent professional and efficient service to clients as a porter at the Brandwag Hotel in the Golden Gate Highlands National Park

FLORA MAILULA

Responsible for the Managing Executive's guesthouses and the CE's Dingler in the village for the past six years she has established herself with customers as a sort out service provider. She would wake up and do any job as requested by a client irrespective of what time of the night it is and the amount of positive feedback she receives from these guests is unprecedented.

SARA SAMBO

- A hut attendant at Pretoriuskop who is known for selfless attitude towards her work, she is always available to assist her colleagues when she finishes her own job as well as do whatever errands for the clients at any given time.

MOKALA NATIONAL PARK

- Although a new national park, Mokala has outdone itself in ensuring that customers experience value for their hearts and cash and it has also won South African Tourism's Welcome Award 2009 for parks and nature reserves.
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5. The WINNER in category Best Ranger Post is:

OLIFANTS RANGER POST

- For focusing beyond the ecological integrity of the area, and also lending support to tourism activities.
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6. The WINNER in category Best Constituency Builder is:

MOIPONE NELLY TAU

- For her engagement with communities in the vicinity of Golden Highlands National Park and building relations in accordance with people and conservation ideals of SANParks.

The MERIT AWARD WINNER in category Best Constituency Builder is:

ALEXIS SYMONDS

- For her ministerial award from DWAF for her role in the Community Water Efficiency Programme which includes building partnerships with communities with a focus on water use; promotion of numerous community socio economic projects with initiation of 95 such projects in communities around our parks ; coordination of the establishment and functioning of park forums & resettlement and post restitution of farm workers affected by park expansion programme, consultation with stakeholders in the park management planning process.
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7. The WINNER in category Region of the Year is:

ARID REGION

- For having achieved significant progress in respect of the conservation and constituency building functions, while having exceeded financial and tourism targets under difficult circumstances.
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8. The **WINNER** in category **Best Performing Unit/Division**

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UNIT

For its excellent management of the 11 concession lodges, 21 shops and 17 restaurants which have resulted in over R340 million worth of infrastructure built in national parks and a total of R252 million in annuity income (a net income of R63m was received in the 2008/9 financial year). These projects have also contributed to various socio economic benefits such as job creation; skills transfers and environmental benefits. In the 2008/9 the BDU also contributed to several high profile projects such as entering into an agreement with MATCH to provide accommodation for the 2010 Soccer World Cup, the development of the Kuduzela for which SANParks holds the trademark and developing a strategic analysis model for determining “camp efficiencies”.

9. The **WINNER** in category **Leadership is:**

ANDRE RILEY

- For his overall strategic leadership in building coherence and enhancing motivation amongst staff within a year of assuming duty as Park Manager for the Knysna Lake Area. He has played a critical role in fast tracking infrastructure development including upgrading the office building. He further implemented a vessel permit system for all vessels using the Knysna Lake Area, and has played a coordinating role in the development of the regulations which will enhance the ability of SANParks to effectively manage the area. His leadership within the broader Knysna environment has made a major contribution to the repositioning of the Knysna Lake Area as a significant and valued component of the SANParks stable.
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10. The **Website Community Choice Award** is given to SANParks employees who are nominated and voted for by the members on the public forum hosted on the SANParks website.

For his interaction on the forum, informative pictures and posts, as well as his excellent guiding abilities in the Kruger National Park, the website forum members have once again voted for:

Lourens Botha

11. The **Chief Executive's Special Award** goes to:

LYNNETE MAKUKULE

- Has continued to show tremendous commitment to her work and ensured that her workplace is well maintained and kept tidy at all times.

12. The WINNER in category The Shield Award is:

JANUARIO VALOI

For his bravery in the successful apprehending of Rhino poachers in the Kruger National Park.