




BirdLife
SOUTH AFRICA

Giving Conservation Wings

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Chairman's message



Seyms Bruggier

BirdLife South Africa is our country's largest NGO dedicated to the conservation of our natural environment through the protection of wild birds and their habitats.

Birds are potent and significant indicators of the health of our ecological milieu. They are also very visible and accessible to everyone and are a colourful and inspiring part of nature.

Through the powerful image of birds we are able to deliver a profound message of conservation to all South Africans. Transcending cultures, economic status and

other divides it is a message that is urgent and calls on all of us as responsible citizens.

Whether we talk to the little children of our schools, the people of our rural lands, or those who walk our busy city streets; whether we address conferences of scientists, auditoria of birders or the leaders of business or government, our message is clear – we

need your help: to save wild birds is to save our collective future. With the support of all South Africans, we will ensure that birds and their habitats are protected for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

Vernon Head
Chairman

Chief Executive Officer's report

BirdLife South Africa is making great strides in its important work, the conservation of our country's birds and their habitats. We have aligned our work with the focal areas of our mother organization, BirdLife International.

We continue to do ground-breaking and successful species conservation work. For example, our effort to reduce the impacts of commercial fishing on albatrosses and petrels remains one of our flagship projects. We have also initiated several terrestrial bird species projects, including on White-bellied Korhaans and Secretarybirds, and we are undertaking a review of the status of vultures in sub-Saharan Africa. Under BirdLife International's Preventing Extinctions Programme, we are recruiting Species Champions and Species Guardians, so that we can conserve our country's threatened birds (including the Taita Falcon). We're also becoming more proactive

in our efforts to address threats to our country's birds and their habitats, with an example being the development of a national Birds and Wind Farm Sensitivity Map. We are in the process of revising *The Eskom Red Data Book of Birds of South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland*, a very frequently cited and important ornithological book. It is a massive task for which we are receiving assistance from a number of South Africa's leading ornithologists.

Our Important Bird Areas (IBA) Programme made great strides in 2011, including technical reviews of all IBA boundaries, new IBA assessments, and, most significantly,

securing funds for four regional conservation manager positions. Using the cutting-edge bird distribution data (which is being collected during the Southern African Bird Atlas Project 2), we are reviewing the IBA network and designing interventions to address the threats to our IBAs and their birds. Our attention is focussed on the grassland biome, the most threatened biome in South Africa. We are collaborating with other NGOs and government departments to ensure that, through the Biodiversity Stewardship Programme and other means, critical bird habitat in the grassland biome is not lost, but becomes formally protected.



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BirdLife South Africa has a seat on many national and international committees and fora, and there is a growing appreciation of our scientific inputs into many critical conservation matters, from fisheries to wind farms. Our close relationship with academic research, particularly the Animal Demography Unit and the Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, both at the University of Cape Town, continues to strengthen our work and their research mandates. We are now spreading our conservation wings further afield; for example, Michael Mills' important conservation work in Angola is done under the auspices of BirdLife South Africa, and we are represented on the BirdLife Africa Regional Committee.

We joined a coalition of NGOs in opposing coal mining at Mapungubwe, and the opposition to this and other developments raised awareness about important environmental issues. We continued to support the Department of Environmental Affairs in the implementation of a number of international multilateral agreements and conventions, and we were integrally involved (and hosted

the BirdLife delegation) at the COP17 climate change negotiations in Durban.

BirdLife South Africa is becoming well known, thanks to the efforts of our dynamic marketing team. The Jupiter Drawing Room (Utopia) has developed innovative marketing materials, including hourglass adverts which are now on the pages of magazines such as *TIME* and which will soon be flighted on television. We have developed a number of creative adverts for billboards and, thanks to Continental Outdoor Media, the BirdLife South Africa message is conveyed at airports and on highways across South Africa. Our communication streams have both diversified and grown as we strive to keep our supporters and the general public informed, and provide channels for them to give us feedback. These include public lectures, our website, monthly e-newsletter, *Africa Birds & Birding*, radio and television interviews, monthly articles in a number of magazines (including *Getaway*) and social media, including Facebook and Twitter.

Our public engagements improved dramatically in 2011, with huge growth in the

popularity of our key events, such as the Sasol Birds & Birding Fair and the Save our Seabirds Festival. Our Bird of the Year 2011 activities were bigger and better than in previous years and, with generous funding from ACSA, we were able to make people aware of the Barn Swallow, other migratory birds and climate change. The educational materials we developed, as part of this, achieved significant penetration in school curricula, teaching the youth about environmental and conservation values through the medium of birds.

We continue to assist birders and promote a passion for birding, through the www.birdingroutes.co.za website, our annual checklist, and the Birder Friendly Programme. The community bird guides are supported with mentoring, courses, uniform and equipment with generous funding from Sasol. Birding tourism was adopted by the Department of Tourism as a key niche tourism sector and a Strategic Development Plan for Birding Tourism was subsequently developed.

More individuals and companies than ever before are supporting BirdLife South Africa, and we have a growing number of

Golden Bird Patrons (R1 million donated in 2011) and Corporate Members (almost R500 000 donated in 2011). We received other donations, including two vehicles and equipment from Honda, and we continue to receive support from BirdLife International, the BirdLife Africa Secretariat and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. We are also grateful for the contributions from our many donors (listed on page 10 of this report).

The work that BirdLife South Africa does to conserve our birds and their habitats is a collaborative effort, and our successes are due to the combined contributions of dedicated staff, bird club members, collaborators and volunteers, and with funding from a growing number of supporters. With the levels of support and dedication we have already achieved, I am looking forward to reporting on still more positive results this time next year!

Mark D. Anderson
Chief Executive Officer



Conserving terrestrial birds

During 2011, the Conservation Division initiated many new projects. The focus of these projects was primarily on threatened species conservation, with the overarching goal being to conserve South Africa's indigenous bird species, utilising the results of scientific research.

The study of the biology, taxonomy and conservation of the Vulnerable White-bellied Korhaan is being undertaken by Dewald du Plessis, a PhD student. This species is threatened by the degradation and fragmentation of the grassland biome. More than R150 000 was raised for this project through the efforts of Niall Perrins, and a number of observations (and localities) were reported by other citizen scientists.

The project focusing on Secretarybirds in the grasslands received nationwide publicity, including an insert on 50/50, the television conservation programme. Significant funds raised through, amongst others, the Secretary's Day campaign, were allocated to purchase satellite tracking devices. This research will provide information about the daily movements and habitat use of this species in the grasslands.



The Southern African Bird Atlas Project 2 (SABAP2), a collaboration between the South African National Biodiversity Institute, the Animal Demography Unit and BirdLife South Africa, continued to make excellent progress and by the end of 2011 more than 950 atlasers had submitted more than three million records since the start of the project in 2007. Atlasing trips were championed by dedicated volunteers to more remote areas,

and SABAP2 workshops were conducted in Gauteng and Limpopo provinces.

The Palabora Mining Company registered as a Species Champion for the Taita Falcon under the BirdLife International Preventing Extinctions Programme. These funds support the monitoring work done along the northern Drakensberg by the SA Taita Falcon Survey Team.

The Ingula Partnership, between Eskom, BirdLife South Africa and the Middelpunt Wetland Trust, for the conservation of the Bedford/Chatsworth Important Bird Area (IBA) and surrounding site near Van Reenen, experienced another good year. The project managers recorded a pair of Critically

Endangered Wattled Cranes breeding on site. David Maphisa, PhD student and BirdLife South Africa Ingula Manager, continued field surveys of experimental plots which also include the reporting of other biota such as butterflies, reptiles and mammals.

Under the auspices of the Ingula Partnership, the colony surveys by PhD student Kate Henderson of the Vulnerable Southern Bald Ibis were focused across the species' range in the grasslands and included surveys in Lesotho, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and Gauteng. Two fledglings were successfully radio tracked during 2011.

With the aim of protecting indigenous South African ducks, a Mallard workshop was held to facilitate discussions around a Mallard control programme.

The second edition of the "BirdLife South Africa Checklist of Birds in South Africa 2011" and an Afrikaans translation thereof were produced and published.

Species projects are long-term undertakings which require associated long-term support and funding. Notwithstanding the numerous challenges that we face, we are confident of helping secure, through our various conservation interventions, the future of our country's birdlife.



Wind energy facilities and birds

BirdLife South Africa acknowledges the need for renewable energy generation, and in principle therefore supports the development of the wind energy industry in South Africa. However, based on lessons learnt elsewhere (e.g. Tariffa in Spain and Altamont Pass in California, USA), we are also tasked with the responsibility of mitigating against the potential impacts on birds, such as collision and displacement. BirdLife South Africa, in partnership with the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), has developed Best Practice Guidelines with a minimum requirement of 12 months avifaunal monitoring covering seasonal variances guiding pre-authorisation and thus wind farm construction. The Avian Wind Sensitivity Map, also developed by BirdLife South Africa and the EWT, guides developers in their decision-making and is based on the overall conservation importance of the area, in addition to considering the possible sensitivities of the species recorded at potential wind farm development sites.



Conserving seabirds

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Turning the tide for seabirds

The goal of the seabird division is to stop seabirds from going extinct and our 2011 results indicate that we're well on our way to achieving meaningful and lasting victories. Our flagship programme is the Albatross Task Force (ATF), whose overarching goal is to reduce seabird bycatch in targeted fisheries, and ultimately to improve the conservation status of threatened seabirds, focusing on the hake trawl and the tuna longline fisheries. Both fisheries previously experienced extremely high seabird bycatch, but since BirdLife South Africa became involved we have

experienced impressive reductions in seabird mortalities. The longline fleet achieved bycatch levels of 0.07 birds/1000 hooks, an order of magnitude lower than the 1.2 birds/1000 hooks of a few years ago. Our data from trawlers also suggest major reductions in albatross mortalities (but not for other species). Final estimates will be released in early 2012. Our experimental research (see Box) has been highly successful. We were able to secure a large grant for BirdLife International to further develop an entirely new technology to prevent seabird bycatch in longline fisheries. ATF Instructor Tshikana Rasehlomi will be testing this during 2012.



Science-based conservation

Weights are used to ensure that the baited hooks (which kill the birds) sink out of reach faster. However, if a line snaps under tension (like when large sharks are caught), traditional weights fly back and endanger the crew. The 'Safe Lead' slips harmlessly off the line if it snaps. We completed a successful 3-year study testing 'Safe Leads' on tuna, swordfish and shark catch rates, to prove that our solutions to seabird bycatch don't impact fishing efficiency.

Bird scaring lines stop flying birds from landing to feed on discards at the stern, where they get entangled in trawl cables (which attach the net to the boat). We helped design a new mitigation measure (the Rory line) to stop birds drifting along the side of trawlers while feeding on fish discards from the onboard factory and bypassing the bird scaring lines. We completed a successful two-year experiment testing the Rory Line.

ATF Leader Bronwyn Maree was instrumental in changing the rules governing the trawl fishery, including an improved bird scaring line design, mandatory earlier deployment of bird scaring lines and a ban on a particular chemical from being used when new cables are fitted. This banned chemical caused the birds to stick to the cable and resulted in much higher risk of injury or death. She also ensured no weakening of the strong permit conditions governing the longline fishery.

African Penguins – a long road ahead

The plight of the African Penguin was sufficiently dire in 2009 to prompt the Charl van der Merwe Trust to become a Species Champion by donating more than R1.5 million. The programme has achieved much, but more remains to be done. The exceptionally low stock levels of the penguins' forage fish are alarming. It is particularly acute along the West Coast, the penguins' (and the "fishes'!") former stronghold. New, innovative solutions are being investigated, including the creation of an entirely new mainland colony, while supporting collaborative projects looking at fishery closures around breeding colonies.

Success on the High Seas

Ross Wanless is part of the Global Seabird Programmes 'RFMO team', which drives policy changes at the scale of ocean basins. RFMOs (Regional Fisheries Management Organisations) are inter-governmental agreements that manage fishing effort. In 2011, the team's multi-year efforts bore fruit at both Atlantic and Indian oceans' tuna commissions. There is now a strong resolution governing longline fishing in the Atlantic, ensuring that vessels fishing in areas of high risk to albatrosses and petrels use two proven measures to reduce seabird bycatch. There is also strong, multi-lateral support for similar measures to be introduced in the Indian Ocean. The link between the ATF's research and experience of being onboard fishing vessels, and our international negotiations, have proven decisively effective at driving changes. Albatross conservation continues to go from strength to strength!



Protecting sites and habitats

The Important Bird Areas (IBA) Programme is one of BirdLife South Africa's most important conservation programmes. It speaks to all four of our focal areas – species, sites, habitats and people.

After a “rebirth” at the end of 2009, the IBA Programme has gone from strength to strength. By the end of 2011, the programme had grown to eight staff members, including a national coordinator, four regional conservation managers, of which one is also the IBA data manager, and three education and community development staff. The IBA Steering Committee continues to offer valuable guidance and decision-making support to the programme.

In the late-1990s, *The Important Bird Areas of Southern Africa* (Barnes 1998) directory was the manual used to inform bird conservation. Today, however, advances in conservation planning and data collection have surpassed what this directory has to offer. In 2011 BirdLife South Africa made it its mission, not only to align its IBAs with modern conservation planning, but to become a leader in this field. So, in 2011 we started the important work of re-evaluating the status of existing IBAs and developing models to assess the current IBA network. The end product will be dynamic, scientifically defensible, data-driven, and ultimately mainstreamed into provincial and national biodiversity plans. We are very excited about this undertaking!

Our IBA Programme continues with its work of conserving IBAs through environmental education, advocacy, assessments, monitoring, establishing site support groups and ultimately

through proclamation of these sites as protected areas using Biodiversity Stewardship (an innovative tool for protecting important sites with significant benefits for the landowner).

Sadly, many of the key threats identified in the 1998 IBA directory have intensified. Habitat loss and degradation due to mining, urban expansion and inappropriate agricultural practices continue to jeopardise our most critical sites. New threats have also emerged, such as windfarms and fracking. Climate change and habitat loss remain two of the biggest threats to our birds.

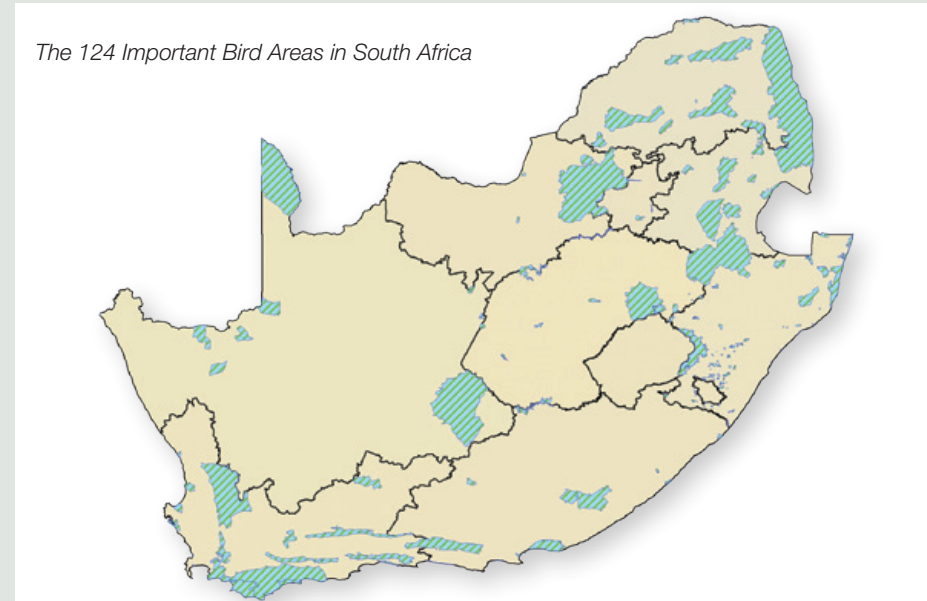
To assist with Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs), we published a short Guide to Access Avian Data for EIA Reports to assist EIA practitioners and this guideline can be downloaded from our website.

The IBA Programme adopted a working model of ‘coordinate nationally, work regionally and act locally’. In line with this, regional conservation managers fulfil many roles and responsibilities, but most importantly they are conservationists on the ground who coordinate and implement conservation action. By the end of 2011

the regional managers for Gauteng/North West and Mpumalanga/Free State had successfully entrenched themselves in their respective regions, and managers for the Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal were being appointed. These conservationists build strong organisational relations with regional role-players, especially provincial conservation agencies and NGOs. To assist with regional conservation, BirdLife South Africa established three Regional IBA Conservation Working Groups in Gauteng/North West, Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal to assist us with IBA assessments and bird monitoring.

Extensive information about our IBA Programme is available on our website.

The 124 Important Bird Areas in South Africa



Mark D. Anderson

Saving the threatened grasslands



BirdLife South Africa's 2011 strategic focus on grasslands has become a dynamic catalyst for conserving the grassland biome.

Over half of South Africa's endemic birds, all five of South Africa's Critically Endangered birds and 24 other Red Data bird species occur in grasslands and/or their associated wetlands. Our grasslands are a treasure trove of biodiversity and provide essential ecosystem services such as water management and carbon sequestration. Sadly, grasslands are also among the most threatened vegetation types in South Africa, because they contain most of the country's mineral resources. Only 2.8% of the grassland biome is formally protected in nature reserves and national parks. That is why our top priority Important Bird Areas (IBAs) fall within the grassland biome.

The vision of BirdLife South Africa's Grasslands Programme is to conserve the endemic and

threatened bird species that occur in grasslands, through advocacy, education, and conserving species and IBAs.

In 2011, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) and we will now work with the MTPA to ensure that IBAs are conserved. Our grassland IBA work includes opposing unsustainable mining, and support of Ramsar applications for Wakkerstroom and Chrissiesmeer.

Environmental education in Wakkerstroom and Chrissiesmeer made great strides in sensitising the local youth to their grasslands and wetlands. These children could be our conservation ambassadors of the future!

Together with partner conservation organisations, conservation action plans have been compiled for the Steenkampsberg and Chrissie Pans IBAs in Mpumalanga. Memel, within the Grasslands Biosphere IBA, is serving

as a Biodiversity Stewardship pilot site for the Free State, using lessons learnt from other provinces.

BirdLife South Africa joined the Biodiversity Stewardship Programme, assisting with landowner engagement and veld condition assessments. We are in the process of securing 100 000 ha of land under formal protection by 2013 in Steenkampsberg, Chrissiesmeer and Memel collectively. Protected area status for privately-owned land in priority IBAs will be a victory for bird conservation and simultaneously contribute to provincial government protected area expansion targets.

In collaboration with the EWT and WWF-SA, we started developing guidelines for grassland management using indicator bird species. This will feed into provincial biodiversity conservation plans and will be adapted into user-friendly tools for landowners.

Our Grasslands Programme will continue working tirelessly with government departments, like-minded NGOs, landowners and local communities to get critical IBAs protected.



Assisting people

Our avitourism work during 2011 was extremely demanding, yet very rewarding. We continued to be instrumental in promoting and marketing the avitourism sector, including lobbying government to recognise it as an important niche tourism market.

Bird tourism

Our work with the Department of Trade and Industry in reviewing the birding tourism sector in 2010 was recognised by the Department of Tourism which, in 2011, adopted birding tourism as a key niche sector. The Department of Tourism has subsequently completed a Strategic Development Plan for Birding Tourism which will see greater involvement and cohesion between BirdLife South Africa, South Africa Tourism and the Department of Tourism.

The Sasol Community Bird Guide Programme continues to achieve exceptional results. We held six courses, focussing on different

aspects of bird identification – ranging from the charismatic raptors to hard-to-identify LBJs. These courses were well attended and have been significant in improving the skills of the guides. We have provided funding to different institutions for projects which use bird guides as research assistants. This includes Christopher Netshonshe, who is assisting Dr Derek Engelbrecht with research on the African Broadbill in Venda. Three guides, Themba Mthembu, Bheki Nyandeni and Bheki Mbonambi, are now assisting the IBA Programme by undertaking monitoring in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. We have also assisted bird guides to set up environmental-related projects. Bonginkosi Ndaba has made great strides with his Nakekela Education

Programme, and Samson Mulaudzi and Christopher Netshonshe have had some successes with educating learners about the importance of the Mottled Spinetail nests at Segole.

BirdLife South Africa has provided value to members of the Birder Friendly Programme through the provision of sector information, including birding itineraries, building of relationships with tour operators and the provision of information relating to birding knowledge in their area. We have also provided information and assistance to local birders and visiting international birders by, for example, putting them in touch with Bird Tour Operators or by providing the details of self-drive itineraries.

We believe that our activities in 2011 strengthened the birding tourism sector in South Africa and that the next few years will see exciting growth and opportunities for all stakeholders. On a global scale, tourism in general has become a fiercely competitive business and avitourism is no different. In order to keep our place as one of the top birding destinations in Africa we will need continued effort. BirdLife South Africa is committed to continue working towards developing this tourism sector for the benefit of birders, bird tour companies, community guides and members of the Birder Friendly Accommodation Programme, but most importantly for the benefit of our country's birds and their habitats.



Bird and birding events

BirdLife South Africa hosted a number of important events during 2011, including the Sasol Birds & Birding Fair, Owl Awards, Birding Big Day, and two Golden Bird Patron functions. The Barn Swallow was Bird of the Year, and we created awareness about this migratory bird through lesson plans for schools, a poster (included with *Africa Birds & Birding*, and distributed to bird clubs, schools and other interested people and groups), billboards and media releases.



Charmaine Uys



Warwick Tarboton

Communication

BirdLife South Africa communicates with its members and the public through its monthly e-newsletter, the bi-monthly *Africa Birds & Birding*, Ostrich, Facebook, weekly updates to its bird clubs, and its two websites (www.birdlife.org.za and www.birdingroutes.co.za).



Marketing BirdLife South Africa

Over the past year our Marketing Committee has reshaped and repositioned BirdLife South Africa significantly, capturing our very essence and redefining our way forward. With the gifted, pro-bono assistance and professional talents of The Jupiter Drawing Room (Utopia), our advertising agency, we launched the Save Our Seabirds Festival (SOS) across all the major broadsheet newspapers of our country with full page, full colour print adverts. The SOS Festival also expanded into the V&A Waterfront culminating in a “flash-mob” concert by Freshlyground, one of South Africa’s most popular bands. Our Public Service Announcements are almost ready to be flighted on e.tv and the print ad component of the campaign was run in *TIME* magazine, and will appear in other publications in 2012. We continue to develop billboard advertising at all our major international airports and our “For The Birds” merchandising campaigns are expanding successfully, where awareness and direct revenue is earned daily. We continue to develop viral marketing techniques in line with new advances and opportunities in the social media and we are rebranding our major events, such as FLOCK (our AGM weekend) and our annual Owl Awards.



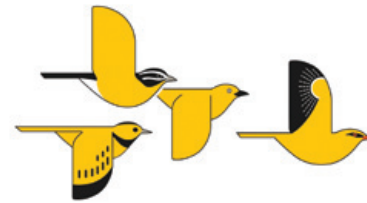
Sponsors and supporters

BirdLife South Africa is very grateful to the many people, organizations and companies which support its work. These include the volunteers who serve on the Audit, Conservation Advisory, Council, Endorsement, ExCo, IBA, Legacy, List, Marketing, Membership, and Rarities committees. Many BirdLife South Africa members also serve on bird club committees and the three regional fora. We are also grateful to the volunteers who assist at BirdLife South Africa's head office.

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None in 2011

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Finances

The financial statements of BirdLife South Africa for the year ended 31 December 2011 have been audited, without qualification, by KPMG. Set out below are the abridged statements of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2011 and financial position at that date. These have been extracted from the Audited Financial Statements and reflect net profitable results for the various activities undertaken by BirdLife South Africa and disclose a sound financial position.



Mike McCullough
Treasurer

Abridged statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2011

	2011 (R)	2010 (R)
Gross income	13 586 511	12 370 352
Gross expenditure	13 439 427	12 273 234
Net income from operations	147 084	97 118
Other comprehensive income	5 297	598 604
Bequests and donations to sustainability fund	40 071	56 597
Deficit/surplus on adjustments of South African equities to fair market value	(34 774)	542 007
Total comprehensive income for the year	152 381	695 722

Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2011

	2011 (R)	2010 (R)
ASSETS		
Non-current assets	7 246 203	5 151 273
Property, vehicles and equipment	790 322	770 488
Investments	6 455 881	4 380 785
Current assets	2 665 974	3 187 977
Inventories	25 859	22 751
Trade and other receivables	838 444	1 855 511
Cash and equivalents	1 801 671	1 309 715
Total assets	9 912 177	8 339 250
EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES		
Reserves		
Accumulated funds	3 914 736	3 762 355
Current liabilities	5 997 441	4 576 895
Deferred revenue	4 948 997	3 441 730
Subscriptions received in advance	430 833	467 014
Trade and other payables	617 611	668 151
Total equities and liabilities	9 912 177	8 339 250

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Dr Precious Moloi-Motsepe, Mrs Gaynor Rupert and Mr Mark Shuttleworth

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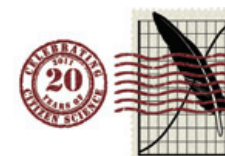
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