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Corporate Social Responsibility Profile – TCT Dalmann

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We believe it is important to share this information, since many companies contribute more to development than employment creation and payment of taxes.

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Company Background

TCT Dalmann creates hand crafted furnishings exclusively from Mozambican hardwoods. The company is fully integrated “From Forest to Furniture”.

The company currently offers 6 ranges of furniture that are retailed directly to the public through stores in Beira and Maputo





Corporate Social Responsibility

All of our CSR activities are oriented to the protection of the environment in which we live and operate. We recognize that the forest on which we depend is also vital for the communities around it, and for the flora and fauna found within it.

Community Support

By working with the communities in the areas where we operate TCT-Dalmann seeks to offer opportunities for income generation that do not pressurise natural resources.

Uncontrolled and unsustainable slash and burn agriculture, poaching, and firewood and charcoal production threaten the environment upon which TCT and our neighbouring communities depend.



Catapu Pan, after which our concession is named



Local school - before



Local school – after – the community was directly involved in building the school with us

The company aims to help communities to help themselves.

We do this by investing together with the communities, engaging strategic partners and using the resources available in a sustainable way, through promoting employment in self-sustaining projects which provide long term opportunities for revenue

generation.

Areas in which we work with our neighbouring communities include honey production, irrigated agriculture, brick manufacturing, grinding mills, commercial fishing and commercial reforestation.

TCT also seeks partnerships with other organizations to assist the communities and works in conjunction with WWF, GTZ, Life for Sofala, EcoMICIA, the US Embassy and others



TCT staff teach community members to build bee-hives



TCT offers bee-keeping training which has proved popular, so far over 250 community bee-keepers have been trained, providing them with a source of income and food supplement. TCT buys back some of the honey which is bottled for the company

We recognize however that our neighbouring rural communities not only need access to opportunities for employment and income generation. They also need direct assistance in developing social infrastructure. Therefore we assist by, among other initiatives, building classrooms and teachers' accommodation, building and maintenance of access roads, supplying free timber for micro-industry, supplying shipping containers for use as secure grain storage.



Projects include training community members in block-making (above) and grass preparation. Community member cleaning grass harvested for sale for thatching (below)



One of our neighbouring regulos with the maize grinding mill donated to the community by the company



Responsible Forestry

To ensure the sustainable utilization of the natural resources on which our company depends we began a comprehensive forest management and reforestation program in 1999. This initiative combines all aspects of forest management, including promoting of natural regeneration, coppice management, reforestation at a ratio of four trees replanted for every one extracted, fire defences, and the policy of adding value to all forest resources through furniture production. The concept of “forest to furniture” plays a pivotal role in the company’s integrated management plan through the maximising the use of all timber extracted.



Seeds are collected in the forest by community members. The company buys the seeds and germinates them in seed bags before planting out in the forest

Communities are also trained in reforestation and plant and take care of trees in their own areas, they are paid per tree which survives, providing income as well as environmental benefits (above and below)



Academic research plays a vital part in our understanding of the environment. TCT has a comprehensive herbarium housed at Catapu with samples of the many tree and woody species found in the concession. Copies of the herbarium are also held at several major academic institutions

Plant an indigenous hardwood tree for the future

No-one can argue that throughout the world we are consuming our resources at an alarming rate. At TCT we believe it is up to every individual to make a difference and, since 2010 we have been offering our visitors and customers the opportunity to join us.

For just Mt150.00 anyone can buy an indigenous hardwood tree that is planted on Catapu, for those buying more than 10 trees a certificate is available and anyone wanting to con come and visit their trees in our concession. Through their enthusiasm for this idea our customers have shown us that planting trees makes a great gift, and is an ideal way to take a small step to giving back to the environment.





We strive to take care of not only the communities and flora but also the fauna found in the concession with the support of our team of trained game guards. This means that staff, community and visitors to our concession can enjoy the wildlife.



TCT Game Guards assist in liberating a python rescued from an



Our wildlife also enjoy each other!

Contact us for more details

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establishment in Beira and (below) a visitor helps release small leopard tortoises



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