We are currently undergoing the 6th mass extinction - 1 MILLION species (flora and fauna) are threatened with extinction.

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LISTENING TO WHAT’S NEEDED:

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Future Rangers Youth moving into leadership positions have a deep appreciation for the natural world and its value (economic, intrinsic and instrumental), meaning there will be greater incentive in the future to protect these areas.

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TAKING IT A STEP FURTHER

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HOW DOES THIS HELP WILDLIFE?

Local-level employment in the wildlife economy brings direct revenue back into communities -> Community members who aren’t struggling financially are less likely to poach.

SAC works in areas with disappearing rich biodiversity alongside areas of rapid human development and tourism.

Current work along western border of Kruger National Park:

• 3.4 million people living alongside Kruger National Park
• 50% of that population are youth

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Balancing rapid human development with the conservation of our planet — humans need nature to survive — but unfortunately, human development has seen the depletion of natural resources and wildlife in areas where the populations have had little to do with that depletion, but are suffering the majority of the consequences.

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Source: CIA Factbook, Credit: Simran Khosla/ GlobalPost

Teens Twenties Thirties Forties
MEDIAN AGE

By Age Group in South Africa

TOTAL POPULATION BY AGE GROUP IN SOUTH AFRICA

65

45-64

55-64

35-44

25-34

15-24

0-14

0% 5% 6% 9% 13% 17% 19% 30% Source: Community Survey 2016, South Africa (2016). [Online]. Available at: https://youthexplorer.org.za/pro/files/country-ZA-south-africa/