WHO WE ARE

The International Centre for Responsible Tourism - South Africa (ICRT South Africa), established in 2006, works alongside government and the private sector in South Africa to implement the objectives of Responsible Tourism as described in the 1996 White Paper.

The founding members of the ICRT South Africa were directly involved in:

- the development of the National Responsible Tourism Guidelines for DEAT (2002);
- the WSSD parallel event Conference on “Responsible Tourism in Destinations” held in Cape Town in August 2002;
- the DEAT Responsible Tourism Handbook (2003);
- Gauteng Responsible Tourism Framework & Manual (2004); and
- THETA funded 'Training programme in Responsible Tourism Planning for provincial and local government' (2005)

WHAT WE DO

The ICRT South Africa works to contribute to economic development, social justice and environmental integrity through the development and promotion of Responsible Tourism through:

- advocacy for the integration of responsible tourism into the policies, operations and activities of public institutions and tourism businesses
- promoting the principles and practices of responsible tourism through training, education and awareness programmes
- undertaking research and technical advisory services to drive the implementation of responsible tourism
- networking with individuals, institutions and tourism businesses that support the objectives of the Cape Town Declaration

CURRENT PROJECTS

The ICRT South Africa is currently working on the following projects:

- Responsible Tourism Strategy and Implementation Plan for South African National Parks
- Responsible Tourism Policy and Action Plan for City of Cape Town
- National Responsible Tourism Standards and Accreditation Process for the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism