



The Buchu Sector Wide Benefit Sharing Agreement In South Africa

History – Challenges - Outcomes

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History

- **Challenges for the international flavour and fragrance industries to become compliant – a huge number of individual ingredients based on IBRs from a very large number of sources**
- **Buchu was chosen as a case study on how to achieve Nagoya compliance in a streamlined way**
- **BioInnovation Africa – brought partners together to achieve compliance:**
 - **IOFI – International Organisation of Flavour Industries**
 - **IFRA – International Fragrance Association**
 - **SAAFFI – South African Association of the Flavour & Fragrance Industry**
 - **Parceval**
 - **Buchu Association**
- **The recognised TK holders for Buchu are**
 - **• South African San Council**
 - **• National KhoiSan Council**



Short Time Line

- **Dec 2019 – first meeting of parties**
- **2020 – 2022 – COVID19 impacts on meeting frequency**
- **2021 – the Buchu Association is established**
- **Sept 2023 – signing of sector wide benefit sharing agreement by TK holders and industry**
- **June 2024 – benefit sharing agreement signed by Minister**
- **August 2024 – industry players apply for biotrade and bioprospecting permits**
- **February 2025 – permits being issued**



Challenges Experienced

- **Trust between parties needed to be established**
- **Finding common ground**
- **Respect and dignity are more important than numbers**
- **Code of Conduct was agreed upon**
- **Misunderstanding each other**
- **Diverging strategies of TK holders**

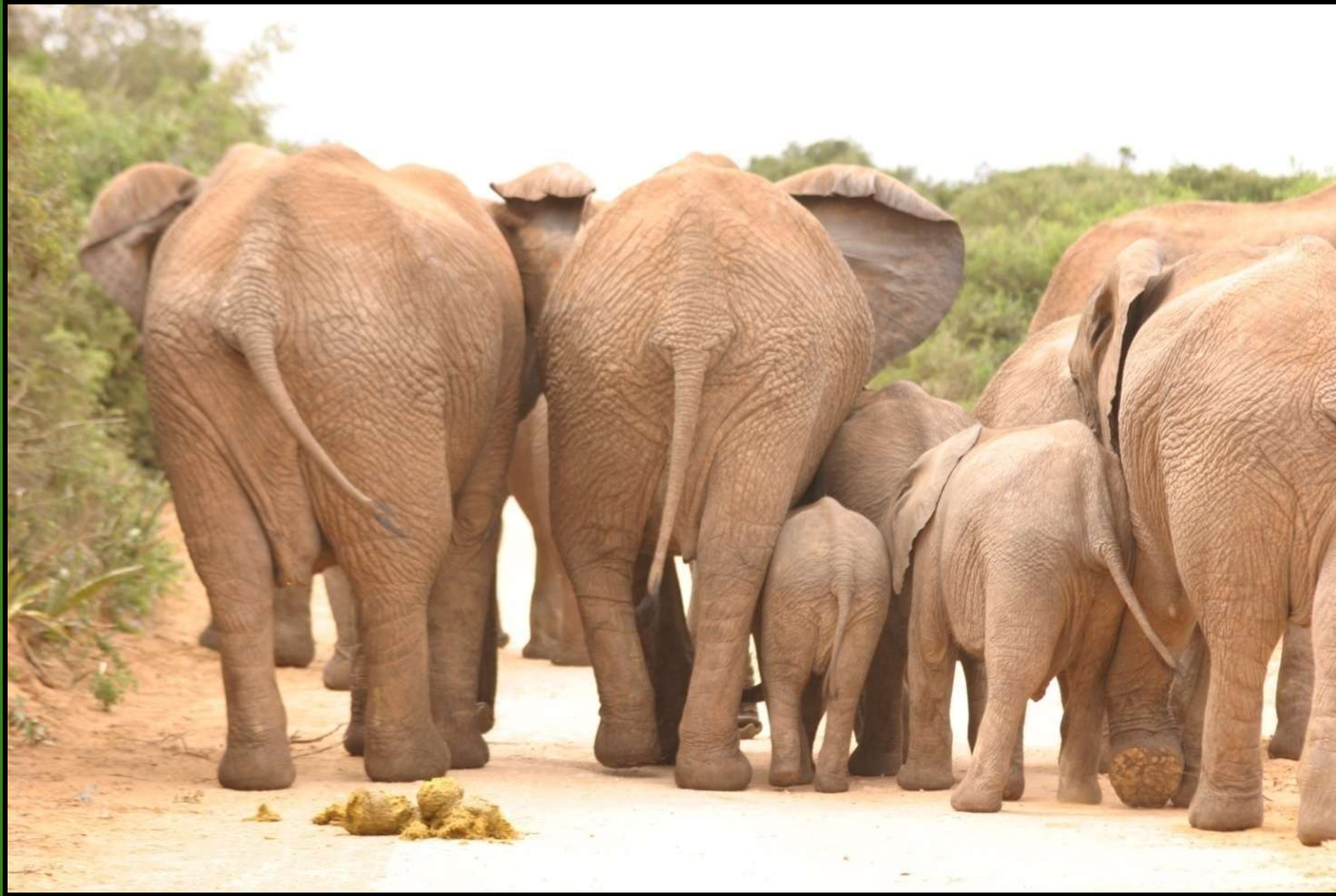


Almost 4 years after the first meeting of the parties, the benefit sharing agreement is signed in September 2023 at the 1st African Biotrade Festival in Sandton, South Africa



Outcomes

- **Industry wide benefit sharing agreement signed covering all primary products of Buchu**
- **Monetary benefits – a percentage of all sales of primary products. Subsequent sales of primary products are free of benefit sharing obligations**
- **Non-monetary benefits – practical short course for members of the TK holder communities is being designed**
- **Deed of Adherence developed for industry**
- **Mechanism for calculating, collecting and payment of levy agreed upon**
- **Although permits are issued only now, the industry will honour the agreement from date of signature and pay the levy backdated as from 2023 onwards**



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