

# Advancing Indigenous Flora



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## Why the Botanical Education Trust?

South Africa represents just 1% of the earth's total land surface, but has the richest flora in the world.

Growing human populations, and their demands on the environment, are threatening this natural heritage, the last remnants of which are disappearing at an alarming rate.

## How the Trust operates

The Botanical Education Trust operates under the auspices of the Botanical Society of SA (BotSoc). It is fully registered as a Trust and is audited annually. In addition it has been approved as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) and has been granted, by SARS, exemption from donations tax and estate duty.

This includes a Section 18A exemption certificate which permits any donor to treat donations to the Trust as a tax deductible expense.



## Projects funded to date have included

- Taxonomic studies.
- Threatened and data deficient species research.
- Investigation into biological control of alien invasive plants.

The Trust also enabled learners to attend a program in the National Botanical Gardens, educating them about conservation and how to make informed environmental decisions.



## Objectives of the Trust

1. To conserve and promote indigenous South African flora.
2. To advance education and research in the field of our indigenous flora.
3. To fund literature pertaining to indigenous flora and factors influencing it.

## Trust grants since inception

Year	Total requests	Grants given	Grants declined
2019	R487 979	R146 272	R341 707
2018	R205 606	R115 000	R90 606
2017	R672 498	R113 140	R559 358
2016	R242 739	R123 505	R110 234
2015	R225 315	R83 240	R142 075
2014	R446 019	R94 400	R351 619
2013	R553 000	R103 640	R449 360
2012	R190 050	R123 550	R66 500
2011	R617 500	R72 000	R545 500
2010	R183 000	R60 115	R122 885
2009	R119 650	R91 500	R28 150
<b>Total</b>	<b>R3 943 356</b>	<b>R1 126 362</b>	<b>R2 816 994</b>

Although requests totalled over R3 million, the Trust could afford to fund only about 28% of the appeals.



The Trust also partially funded important botanical literature

## How you can help

Donations, no matter how small, will serve conservation in perpetuity because only interest on capital is used and all donations are capitalised. Even if contributions are not immediate, legacies left behind will be to the permanent benefit of our indigenous flora.

### Payments can be made to:

The Botanical Education Trust  
Investec Bank account number 10011814876  
Branch code 580105

Please e-mail proof of payment to charlesbotha@gmail.com  
Payment can also be made via the donate button on the website of the Botanical Society of SA – Durban & Coastal Branch at:  
<http://www.botsoc-kzn.org.za>

