

# GREEN TOURISM INCENTIVE PROGRAMME (GTIP)

## PROMOTING WATER & ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY

broadening horizons



**tourism**

Department:  
Tourism  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



# BACKGROUND

- Established in the 2015/16 financial year
- Stimulate the transformation of the tourism sector's approach to energy efficiency
- Improve the country's global competitiveness as a leading responsible tourism and low carbon destination
- counter the disruptive impact of electricity load shedding on tourism operations
- facilitate the implementation and application of responsible tourism principles
- reduction in the operational cost
- operational competitiveness



# PILOT INITIATIVE

- Robben Island Museum (RIM), the South African National Parks (SANParks) and the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)
- Retrofit state-owned tourism facilities with solar PV energy generating systems
- eight solar PV solutions
- reduced the reliance of these tourist sites on the national grid or diesel generating systems
- facilitated uninterrupted visitor experiences for guests
- long-term operational cost savings



# ROBBEN ISLAND

- Solar PV mini-grid system supported by battery storage
- Provides the island with energy even on cloudy days
- Diesel generation being used as back-up should the batteries run low
- Commissioned in December 2017
- average annual saving of 42% in diesel purchases
- first integrated mini-grid at an iconic tourism attraction in Africa.



# GTIP

- 2016, the Department of Tourism and IDC develop the GTIP on behalf of the Department.
- Contract period of 5 Years up to 2021
- launched in November 2017
- The Department initially capitalised the GTIP with R142.5 million
- GTIP is managed and administered by the IDC
- All applications to the programme are received, processed and managed by the IDC.



# GTIP RATIONALE

- Encourage private sector tourism enterprises to move towards more efficient usage of energy and water resources.
- Ensure an uninterrupted visitor experience for tourists.
- Reduce input costs
- Facilitate increased competitiveness
- Support operational sustainability



# GTIP OBJECTIVES

- Entice enterprises to install energy and water efficient equipment in line with responsible tourism principles;
- Address the current market obstacle of high up-front capital requirement and poor market awareness of the cost-benefit of energy and water efficient solutions; and
- Facilitate reduction in operational input costs of enterprises (especially small and micro enterprises) to counter the impact of electricity price increases; and reduce reliance and pressure on the national electricity grid and scarce water resources.



# GTIP REVIEW

- GTIP reviewed in 2020
- Assisted in overcoming a number of challenges
- Increased Post Covid Support

## Initially

- Applicants qualify for 90% of the cost of an energy and water efficiency audit were required to contribute R3000-00 towards the audit.
- Successful applicants were then provided with grant funding equal to between 30% and 90% on the cost of approved interventions capped at a maximum of R1 million per applicant.





# REVISED GTIP

- **Establishment of the Programme's independent panel of assessors to be managed by the IDC**
- **Revision of the application process**
- **Waiving the 10% (ca R3 000) contribution requirement for audits.**
- **Increase of the minimum grant funding limit to 50% from 30%**
- **Longer tenure for implementing approved interventions (24 months)**
- **Extension of the term of the GTIP**
- **Recapitalise GTIP – Additional R 130 million**
- **Extend GTIP by another 5 years to March 2026**



**Thank you**

