

# **RIVER CARE AT SUSTAINABLE LIVING & INDIGENOUS PLANT FAIR**

DUCT will host a “Healthy Rivers” stand at the Sustainable Living & Indigenous Plant Fair from 25-28 April at KZN Botanical Gardens in Pietermaritzburg.

While you are shopping for trees and shrubs amongst the hundreds of indigenous species on sale at the Sustainable Living and Indigenous Plant Fair, buy a couple for a good cause at the same time. Duzi-uMngeni Conservation Trust is engaged in clearing thirsty invasive vegetation along the banks of the uMsundusi and uMngeni Rivers and rehabilitating the riverine environment. A range of suitable trees will be available for purchase.



The most common trees on the SLIP-DUCT Tree Campaign list include:

River bush willow (*Combretum erythrophyllum*) Sycamore fig (*Ficus*

*sycamorus*) Red rock fig (*Ficus ingens*) Common fig (*Ficus natalensis*)

White stinkwood (*Celtis africana*) Wild date plum (*Phoenix reclinata*)

Mitzeebie (*Bridelia micrantha*) Common hook-thorn (*Acacia caffra*)

Sweet thorn (*Acacia karroo*) Paper bark (*Acacia sieberana*) Natal

*dombeya* (*Dombeya cumosa*) Pigeonwood (*Trema orientalis*). You will

receive a 20% discount on all trees purchased and donated to DUCT.



Don't miss all the Eco-Action at SLIP. Enjoy presentations by some of SA's most respected authors and activists, practitioners and most importantly, real people to be represented on our Fundi's Forum giving real advice on how to convert your home and garden with sustainable and cost saving designs.

The range of speakers includes some absolutely fascinating topics. Charismatic Sinegugu Zukulu, will discuss Medicinal and Charm Plants of Pondoland and also for plant enthusiasts, Kate Fennell will do two fascinating presentations – one on The Language of Flowers and another on designing for climate change adaptations. Well known Geoff Nichols will talk about a new passion – Roof Gardening.

On the sustainability front, Marita Nel, who designed the Wattled Crane Nursery for the KZN Crane Foundation in Nottingham Road will talk about eco-friendly architectural design principles and Pierre Basson will take a closer look at renewable energy sources available around us. The Green Bishop, Geoff Davies, will talk about Eco-Congregations and Rob Symons will share his considerable knowledge on Organic Farming.

Sarah Allen will talk about her experiences (trials, tribulations and solutions) of going off-grid. Learn about gardening with grey water, how to save seed, build rammed earth walls or to make your own yoghurt.

Fracking is a hot topic – there will be a number of films shown on the subject and Francois Du Toit, representing the Sustainable Alternatives to Fracking and Exploration (SAFE) Alliance, will do a presentation on Fracking in the Drakensberg. Also with a conservation focus, enjoy presentations by Simon Joubert on Butterflies and the ever entertaining Pat McKrill on Snakes. Thirty environmental documentaries will be shown at the Film Festival throughout the weekend on a multitude of topics from soil to water, oil and agriculture.

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