



KHUMBULANI craft

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Khumbulani Craft endeavours to be as environmentally responsible as possible in all of our activities and a number of initiatives have been implemented since our establishment. These include:

Ncema Grass (*juncus krausii*): Ncema grass, used in traditional Zulu basket weaving, occurs in many wetland areas. Khumbulani Craft promotes the re-establishment of stands of ncema (*juncus krausii*) by crafters who live in the vicinity of wetland areas .



An Indigenous Tree Planting Programme to replace indigenous trees in the Tshongwe area of Maputaland in an effort to help solve the problem of over-use by local wood carvers was initiated in 2004.



The **use of exotic species for weaving and carving such as Poplar and Jacaranda** is encouraged. A pilot project using Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood from the Knysna forests is underway.



Recycling Glass: Khumbulani Craft facilitated the establishment of a recycled glass bead making project in Mpumalanga Province through the provision of training and equipment developed by Mintek.